



THE CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Celebration of the
Sacrament of Confirmation*



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NOVEMBER 5, 2017 | THIRTY-FIRST 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.

4030 Jackson Street NE | Columbia Heights, MN 55421 | 763-788-9062 | ICCSonline.org

From the Pastor's Desk



Adoration Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us for an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. During the Holy Hour, there will be reflective music, prayer time, and confession available.

All Souls

During the month of November we remember All Souls who have departed this world to be with God in Heaven. You are invited to write the name(s) of your loved ones in our Book of Remembrance located by the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue in the front right corner of church.

Mass Attendance in October

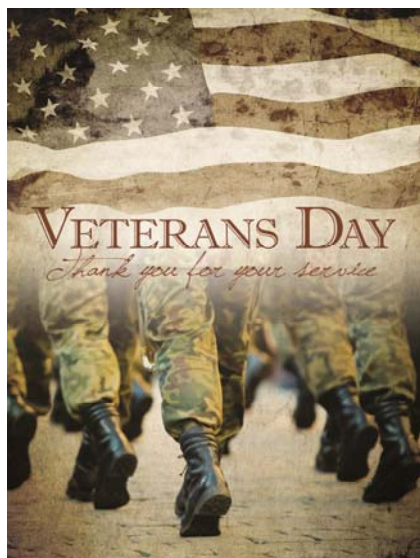
The ushers counted the number of people attending our weekend Masses during October. Here are the 2017 totals that we will send to the Archdiocese for their annual report. I have also included below the October averages for the past three years.

Weekend Mass Day and Time	October Average 2017	October Average 2016	October Average 2015	October Average 2014
Saturday, 5:00 pm	223	197	237	229
Sunday, 8:00 am	120	130	125	129
Sunday, 10:00 am	250	265	263	251
TOTAL	593	592	625	609

Commitment to Christian Discipleship

In October, 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 to the parish office by November 13.

God Bless You,
Father John Mitchell



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Readings and Observances

Sunday, November 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

Monday, November 6

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday, November 7

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 8

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday, November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; Veterans Day (observed)

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, November 12

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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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 (daytime pickup on December 6-8 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 is due when the order is turned in. Checks should be made out to Immaculate Conception School (ICS). Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus

The annual Memorial Mass to honor our past members will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Thursday, November 16 at 6:00 pm. There will be a dinner after the Mass. Reservations can be made by calling 763-789-8362 before Monday, November 13.

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.

The Road to Discipleship

The Commitment Jesus Seeks

"When the great 19th century explorer Dr. David Livingstone was working deep in the African interior, caring for the natives and teaching them about Christianity, some of his friends wrote him, 'We would like to send other men to you. Have you found a good road into your area yet?' Livingstone wrote back, 'If you have men who will only come if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all' (May, *The Story File*, p. 54). Jesus says the same thing to us: 'If you only want to follow Me when the way is easy and convenient, don't waste My time. I want you to be My disciple at every moment of your lives, no matter how difficult the path, no matter how high the cost.'"

—The Catholic Journal, *The Commitment Jesus Seeks*
by Fr Joseph Esper, September 12, 2013

Social Justice

The Giving Tree

The Giving Trees will be up November 11 through December 10. There are containers in the narthex for the return of your *unwrapped gifts*. If you purchase gift cards please attach the ornament and give them to the ushers or place them in the collection basket at the time of the offering. Your generous gifts are shared with the IC Gift program which distributes food cards to those in our community that are in crisis (this year you can choose between Cub and Aldi), SACA (age appropriate gifts for youth), Crest View Senior Center and Ascension Place (personal hygiene products for residents), Stepping Stone Emergency Housing of Anoka (gift cards for residents), Food for the Poor (your donation of \$14.60 will feed a family of four for one month in areas such as the Caribbean and Latin America). *If you, or an IC parishioner that you know, are in need of help from our Giving Tree Program this Christmas, please contact the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.*

Opportunity Center Breakfast

The Church of the Immaculate Conception serves a full breakfast at the Opportunity Center on the second Saturday of each month. The Opportunity Center is a service of Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. It provides a place for those experiencing homelessness to connect with resources to help move toward self-sufficiency, promoting hope, dignity and positive change. They offer daytime resources connecting people with medical and mental health care, breakfast and lunch, showers, internet access, laundry and employment counseling. *Thank you to all who serve at the Opportunity Center.*

Social Justice Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 6:00 pm. The meeting will be in the St. Francis room (second floor of the school).

Coins for Social Justice

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

Thank you for your generosity in October. The total collected was \$70.39. Our most recent donation of \$500 went to St. Mary's Mission School, Red Lake, MN.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation News

Marathon touches lives in different ways. We raise funds for Faith Formation, we grow closer as a parish community and we pray for others. This year we encouraged our youth to not only request donations, but to also offer to pray for those they asked. Our families raised \$340 for Faith Formation this fall. Thank you to all who donated this year. We are praying for you!

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NOV. 16, 2017

“Give to the Max for ICS” at GiveMN.org

Donations made to Immaculate Conception School

up to **\$10,000.00** total

will be matched by a generous donor!

Please help us by making a donation anytime November 1st through 16th. Funds raised will be used to enhance our technology, Personalized Learning curriculum, and for general operating expenses.

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- Visit **ICCSonline.org** and click on “Give to the Max”
- or, visit **GiveMN.org** and in the search box type **ICS** to find our page.

If you prefer to donate “offline” we would be grateful to receive your gift in the mail or in person as well.

For more information contact Principal Jane Bona
763-788-9065 • jbona@immac-church.org

 ICChurchandSchool  ic.church.school



Thank you for your generosity and support!

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Sunday

Join us next Sunday, November 12 in Fellowship Hall (located in the lower level of the church) for Fellowship hosted by our Finance Committee.

Thank You

This past week we had our annual All Souls Memorial Service where we recognize all those who have had a funeral with us in the past year and pray for all the faithful departed. Some families, in appreciation of our volunteer service, give a donation. This past year we made some significant purchases with the funds collected over time. Here is a summary of what has been purchased: thirty two coffee carafes, additional china, additional silverware, a heavy duty steel utility shelf to house the silverware and two new serving carts. Most recently we purchased new lighting for the room in the narthex we use for viewing at the time of the funeral. It will be installed soon. We appreciate all who volunteer in our funeral ministry and all the generous families who thought of us at their time of loss. Thank you!

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.

Pastoral Ministry Visitors Meeting

Pastoral Ministry Visitors will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 2:00 pm. The meeting will be in Fellowship Hall.

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 Richard Martin, Mary Ann Steenburg 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
Pat Anton
Marian Ashlin
Beverly Badeaux
Michelle Cadieux
Nichole Castonguay
Margaret De Mars
Nick Dickson
Pat Elmerberg

Mary Fredenburg
Rev. James Klein
Gerald Krawiecki
Tom Leight Jr.
Randy Mancuso
Janet Mihalik
Mary Ann Miller
Robert Prokott
Lukus Reynold

Barbara Rocek
Paula Ross
Greg Sery
Irene Spensley
Lois Weyers
Germaine Wolsfeld

*and all those on
our prayer chain*

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Psalm 131

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

Reflections

Word of Life

“Heavenly Father... If it be your will, bless those who are pursuing adoption, ... and send them a child to love.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Novena to St. Joseph: For Those on the Path of Adoption”

(Originally published in the 2016-17 Respect Life Resource Guide)

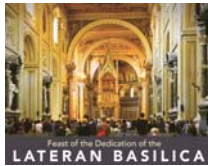
Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

Answer: Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop’s cathedral where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop’s authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God’s people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314-335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its façade’s inscription refers to it as “the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World.” The universal celebration of this feast stresses the unity among Roman Catholics, as they unite themselves with the chair of Peter.



Live The Liturgy—Inspiration For The Week

It is so easy to cast judgment upon the thoughts and behaviors of others. We have heard the phrase, “Practice what you preach.” If we really believe in Jesus we will put great effort and care into following his example and living his message. Humility is our goal. True humility begins when I see myself as one among many wounded, searching souls who are striving to work out a place in life and discover who God is and how God acts. We are here today because we need to taste and feel the God who reveals himself fully in the Eucharist—the God who is our strength, hope, and salvation. We are not here because we are better or wiser than anyone else for we are simply humble sinners in need of mercy.

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.*

- November 5 – Rev. James Perkl
- November 6 – Rev. Bruce Peterson
- November 7 – Rev. James Peterson
- November 8 – Rev. Tuan Pham
- November 9 – Rev. Don Piché
- November 10 – Rev. Ken Pierre
- November 11 – Rev. James Pillar

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday, November 6

- RCIC II _____ 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, November 7

- Mass, Intentions, +**Joan Anderson**, _____ 7:30 am
- JV Special Intention, +Souls in Purgatory**
- Trustee Meeting _____ 8:30 am - 9:30 am
- Marathon Recap Meeting _____ 5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
- Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, November 8

- Mass, Intention, +**Dean Clarke** _____ 7:30 am
- Bible Study, “Peter” _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
- Faith Formation Family Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Faith Formation, Grades 7 - 8 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
- Faith Formation, Preschool - Grade 6 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Confirmation I, Grade 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 9

- Mass (School) Intention, +**Steven Knoke** _____ 8:30 am
- Funeral Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- Anointing Mass, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
- ICCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- School Advisory Committee _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, November 10, No School

- Mass, Intention, +**Joe Goodman** _____ 7:30 am
- Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- RCIC II _____ 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, November 11

- Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- Poinsettia Sale _____ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Adoration Open House and Sign-Up _____ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Mass _____ 5:00 pm
- Intention, +**Deceased members - Netkow & Breen families**
- Heggies Pizza Pick-Up _____ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, November 12

- Poinsettia Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
- Adoration Open House and Sign-Up _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
- Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 8:00 am
- Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- Heggies Pizza Pick-Up _____ 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Mass, Intention, +**Beverly St. Clair** _____ 10:00 am
- +Deceased



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Gospel Meditation

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For they preach but they do not practice.” The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today’s Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, “The greatest among you must be your servant.” This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! “Practice what you preach,” as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership—with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It’s important to be sure we don’t issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating “heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people’s shoulders,” we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for “whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”



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Eucharistic Adoration

*You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.*

Psalm 16:11

Everyone is invited to an open house in our Eucharistic Adoration chapel next weekend (November 11 and 12) after each of the Masses. The chapel is located in the convent building on the south side of the church. Information on adoration and sign-up sheets will be available and adorers will be there to answer questions about adoration. All are welcome to come and see our beautiful chapel and find out more about this wonderful ministry.

At this time we are in need of volunteers to cover the following times:

- Mondays: 10:00 am (partner)
- Tuesdays: 1:00 pm (partner) and 3:00 pm (partner)
- Wednesdays: 8:00 am (partner), 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm (partner) and 5:00 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, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.

Church Directory

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

PARISH

- Parish Office.....763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)
- Parish Fax.....763-788-0202
- Reception Desk** x 201
- Pastor, Fr. John Mitchell**..... x 215
- Accounting Specialist, Lekenka Beja**..... x 202
- Director of Advancement and Discipleship,**
Mary Beth Pfeifer..... x 203
- Deacon, Larry Palkert**
- Business Administrator, Kathy Fraser** x 207
- Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore** x 205
- Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser**..... x 227
- Director of Marketing, Cathleen Cary**..... x 213
- Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon**..... x 214
- Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Hoisington** x 218
- Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille**..... x 212
- Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman** x 221
- Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick** x 204

FAITH FORMATION

- Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki** x 210
- Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott** x 208

SCHOOL

- School Office763-788-9065
- School Fax763-788-9066
- Principal, Jane Bona** (jbona@immac-church.org) x 220
- Administrative Assistant, Barbara Breza**..... x 219

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Dave Kellner* *Kathy Johnson*
- Charles Karanja* *Stacy McVary*
- Marcus Paulson* *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.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

Collections

Week 18—October 28/29, 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.



You're Invited To I.C.'s

Fun for the
Whole Family!



Bingo

& Turkey Raffle

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

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