



# THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



“Do not be amazed!  
You seek  
Jesus of Nazareth,  
the crucified.  
He has been raised;  
he is not here.  
Behold the place  
where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

APRIL 1, 2018 | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

#### 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



## Happy Easter!

On behalf of Immaculate Conception parish, we wish all of you a happy and blessed Easter. Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Belief in the resurrection of Jesus has been an essential element of the Christian faith from its beginnings. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:12-14, "if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain". May the joy of Easter fill your heart and give you a renewed sense of your eternal destiny.

## Who was Saint Faustina?

Divine Mercy Sunday finds its origin in the appearances and words of Jesus to Saint Faustina. Saint Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who lived from 1905-1938. She received private revelations from Our Lord concerning God's divine mercy. Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina with rays of red and pale light streaming from the area around His heart. He asked her to have this vision painted along with the words, "Jesus, I trust in You!" This painted vision is known as the Image of Divine Mercy, and we have this image in our church in the front left area of the Sanctuary.

## What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

Divine Mercy Sunday highlights and amplifies the meaning of the Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery—the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ—made present for us in the Eucharist. On Divine Mercy Sunday, many Catholic churches will have a special prayer celebration, confessions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

God Bless You,  
Father John Mitchell

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*A special observance in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy*

HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY ONE,  
 HOLY IMMORTAL ONE, HAVE MERCY ON US  
 AND ON THE WHOLE WORLD

Celebration of  
**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
 Adoration and Benediction

**April 8, 2018**  
**3:00 - 4:00 pm**  
 (refreshments to follow)

Please come and join in prayer and ask for God's mercy on us and on the whole world. We need His Mercy now more than ever.

The whole mystery of our redemption: Good Friday, Easter, Baptism and the Holy Eucharist: all summed up for us in the single image.

Jesus said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls; especially for poor sinners."

*(Diary 699, Divine Mercy in My Soul)*

## Readings and Observances

### Sunday, April 1

*Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

### Monday, April 2

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 3

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 4

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 5

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 6

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 7

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 8

*2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday*

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

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# School

## School News

Pictured is Senior Vice President Mike Scholl of Northeast Bank presenting students with a Fire HD8 Kindle as a gift for our Queen of May Dinner and Auction. Thank you to Northeast Bank for being one of our generous sponsors for this important fundraiser!



## Catholic United Financial Raffle Results

We were able to raise \$7,725 in the Catholic United Financial Raffle. A HUGE thank you to the many parishioners who purchased from students selling in the narthex of church. You bless us many times over! Pictured is our Catholic United representative, Jim Suck presenting one of the raffle prizes to teacher Katherine Wall, whose mother-in-law won a gift card through the raffle.



Thank you for believing in our school!

A joyous Easter to you!

Jane Bona and the ICS Staff and Students

## Open House and Playdate

Saturday, April 14, 2018  
Immaculate Conception School

Open House, 9:30 am - Noon

- Tour our multiple award winning Preschool - Grade 8 school
- Meet teachers, current parents and Principal Jane Bona
- Learn about Personalized Learning and the individual education plan each student receives so they thrive and succeed!

Tuition Assistance Available

Preschool and Kindergarten Playdate, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Enjoy a morning of fun with your preschool or kindergarten student and get to know other parents and the staff at ICS. We'll have crafts, gym time and snacks. No charge to attend.

Every child attending the open house or play date will receive a special gift! All are welcome at ICS!



# Parish News

## Easter Memorials—It's Not Too Late!



Please consider a financial contribution, in memory of a loved one, to help with the cost of our Easter flowers and decorations. We will publish the memorial names in a bulletin after Easter, so they can be remembered in a special way throughout the Easter season. Please mark all contributions: *Easter Flower Memorial* and mail or drop off at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your special contribution.

## The Wild Goose is Loose!

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, April 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. We will be viewing a segment 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, your homework, and 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.

## Save the Date!

As you do your spring cleaning please remember to *Save the Good Stuff* for the IC Thrift Sale - June 14, 15, 16.

Donation drop off dates and times will be announced soon.

## Meals on Wheels

We will be driving for Meals on Wheels the week of April 9-13. Thank you to all the drivers—especially Howie and Betty Haeg who after years of faithful service have decided to retire.



Fundraiser for  
Immaculate Conception School  
Eighth Grade Activities

## Tasty Pizza

875 45th Ave NE, Columbia Heights  
Open 11:00 am to 1:00 am

Bring this coupon with you and present it when ordering take-out or dining in on:

Wednesday, April 11  
during all open business hours  
(not valid for delivery)

10% of your total order  
will be donated to our class!

\$ Amount of order: \_\_\_\_\_

You must present this coupon  
to make your contribution go to ICS.

Thank you for your support!

## Pastoral Ministry

### Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, April 8 in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church), for fellowship, hosted by our Greeters.

### Anointing Masses

All are welcome to attend an Anointing Mass (presided by Father John Mitchell) at the following locations:

**New Perspective Senior Living**  
3801 Hart Boulevard • Columbia Heights  
Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 3:15 pm

*Save the date!*

**Anointing Mass at the  
Church of the Immaculate Conception**  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the parish office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

### Growing Through Loss

The spring series begins on Thursday, April 12 from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. Join speaker Judy Connolly, Chaplain, University of MN Medical Center, as she speaks on *Understanding Grief and Loss*. The series runs six consecutive Thursdays from April 12 - May 17. Each session is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212

### Pastoral Ministry Visitors Meeting

Tuesday, April 10 at 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church).

### 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 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:

Paul Bona	Mary Fredenburg	Leon Reinarts
Claire Burgoyne	Joan Graves	Greg Sery
Barb Breen	Gerald Krawiecki	Irene Spensley
Michelle Cadieux	Tom Leight Jr.	Elaine Thunstrom
Nichole Castonguay	Randy Mancuso	Lois Weyers
Pat Elmberg	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld

*and all those on our prayer chain*

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

## Social Justice

### Social Justice Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 pm in the St Francis room (second floor of the school).

## The Road to Discipleship

### Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

When I was younger and growing up in Alexandria, VA, I remember one year it actually snowed on Easter. It was crazy to see it that late in the year. We got up and dressed in our best spring clothes so we could venture into the snow on our way to Easter Mass. I remember thinking that the day did not feel much like Easter. It was hard to really get into the mood of God making all things new on a day so cold and full of flurries. If I am honest, I think we rushed home after Mass just so we could get on warm pajamas and just watch TV for the rest of the day, snuggled up on the couch with blankets. It might as well have been a Sunday in January.

This year the odds are against it snowing on Easter where I live here in North Carolina. However, for far too many it might as well snow. To them, Easter has nothing to do with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, new life, or anything of the sort. It is just another Sunday. Some of them don't care and never think of Jesus or God on any Sunday of the year. But for others, it will not feel like Easter because they have been forgotten. On this day they will sit at home, just like they sit every single day of their lives. They might be poor, elderly, disabled, or simply alone. On this day, there is no resurrection celebration because they have no real experience of the joy of life.

This is where good Everyday Stewards can make a difference. In the midst of buying candy and decorating eggs for baskets and buying new clothes to wear to Easter Mass, find someone who needs to experience the power of Easter. Don't tell them Jesus rose [for] them, but show them. Instead of the cold of isolation, bring to them the warmth of new life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## Eucharistic Adoration

### Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

All are invited to come and worship our risen Lord in Eucharistic adoration. Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, is waiting for you! Come and find the peace only He can give by spending an hour in adoration. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. If you would like to sign up for an hour of adoration, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.



Adorers are urgently needed for the following hours:

- Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
- Thursdays at 11:00 am and noon
- Fridays at 8:00 am

Partner Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Mondays at 1:00 pm
- Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays at 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Fridays at 7:00 pm

*Note:* The chapel will be closed on Easter Monday, April 2 and will reopen Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 am.

# Reflections

## Word of Life

“Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2017-18 Respect Life Reflection, www.usccb.org/be-not-afraid

## Why Do We Do That?

### Catholic Traditions Explained

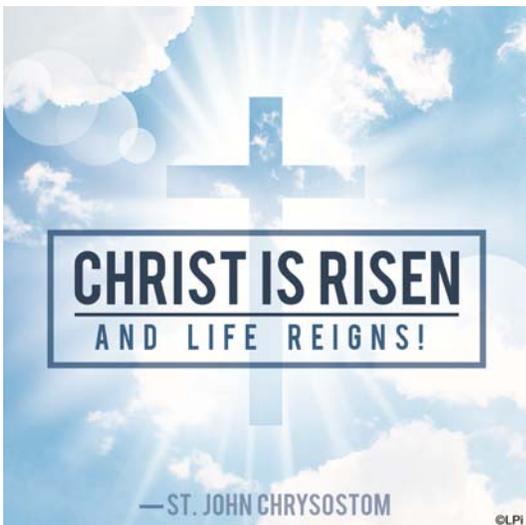
**Question:** What is the most important holiday on the Catholic calendar?

**Answer:** In our daily life, we often refer to “holidays.” The word “holiday” actually comes from the word “holy day.” More than a simple celebration or family gathering, these days connect us to God in a unique way. We remember—and share in—the events in God’s plan of salvation. Some feasts may be celebrated with more traditions and secular attention, like Christmas, but the most important holy day is Easter.

When Jesus died and rose again, he destroyed the ultimate weapon of sin and made it possible for us to have eternal life with him in Heaven. Without the resurrection, St. Paul tells us, our faith is in vain. This past Holy Week, we walked through the Paschal Mystery, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ. Easter is commemorated each time we celebrate the Mass. As St. John Paul II said, “we are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!” Jesus was born for Easter. Our joyful celebration of the resurrection is at the core of what it means to be a Christian!

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Christ is risen indeed! We have arrived at the penultimate feast on the Church’s calendar, the cause of our joy and our hope. Life has defeated death. Sorrow and suffering do not have the last say. In the resurrection of Jesus we see many reasons to rejoice. Not only has Jesus conquered the specter of visible death, but he restores to us graced life. On Holy Saturday, Jesus descended to the dead and delivered the just souls into heavenly paradise. What are our own Saturday tombs? Jesus has the power to open them all. That is our invitation, this day most of all. May resurrection joy fill your heart, your family, your workplace, and your community. Happy Easter!



# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, April 1, Easter

Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am  
Mass, Intention, **+Bob Prokott** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am

## Monday, April 2

Easter Monday—Parish Office and School Closed

## Tuesday, April 3

Mass, Intention, **+Deceased Members of CCW** \_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
Charismatic Prayer Group \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Wednesday, April 4

Mass \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
Communion Service, Crest View \_\_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm  
Faith Formation Family Dinner \_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm  
Faith Formation, Preschool - Grade 6 \_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Faith Formation, Grades 7 - 8 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Intramurals \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Confirmation I, Grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Parish Choir Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Thursday, April 5

Mass, Intention, **+Charles Bernhagen** \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
Anointing Mass, New Perspectives \_\_\_\_ 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm  
KC BVM Council Officer’s Meeting \_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Friday, April 6

Mass \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am  
Intentions, **+Joe Goodman** / **+Stella & Vincent Guzik**  
Our Brothers Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation \_\_\_\_ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Saturday, April 7

Men’s Group Mass and Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am - 9:45 am  
Reconciliation \_\_\_\_\_ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Chocolate Bar Sale \_\_\_\_\_ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
Mass, Intention, **+Jay Dowdle** \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 pm  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group \_\_\_\_ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

## Sunday, April 8, Divine Mercy Sunday

Chocolate Bar Sale \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 am - 11:30 am  
Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 am  
Fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Mass, Intention, **+Pat Gerads** \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 am  
Celebration of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy \_\_\_\_ 3:00 pm  
Followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall

+Deceased

## Thank Our Advertiser of the Week...

### Benedictine Health Center at Innsbruck

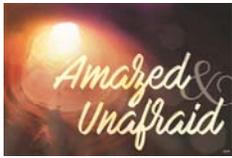
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# Gospel Meditation



## Easter Sunday

The first light of Easter dawn had begun to creep over the horizon. The steadfast women from Friday’s gory events are returning again to the body of their Lord. “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance

to the tomb?” How quickly we return to mundane concerns and how thoroughly God wants to surprise us! Imagine the utter shock upon seeing the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a stranger clothed in light proclaiming the impossible. “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.” He is risen indeed and the world will never be the same.

We know from other Gospel passages that Mary Magdalene made haste to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. We know that Peter and John rushed to the tomb to see for themselves. We know that the wonder and awe of the Resurrection permeated the lives of the apostles until their own dying day.

Can we comprehend the utterly world-changing nature of this surprise? The historical reanimation of a dead man is of no real value to us. But we know that Easter Sunday is so much more. By the Resurrection of Jesus, life has triumphed over death for us all. The gates of heaven are opened and the treasury of graces is poured out upon the here and now. This Resurrection Day, let us draw near, amazed yet unafraid, to the risen Christ. Let us recall the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, “Jesus is not a character from the past. He lives, and he walks before us as one who is alive, he calls us to follow him, the living one, and in this way to discover for ourselves the path of life” (Easter Vigil, April 15, 2006).

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# 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.*

- April 1 – Pope Francis
- April 2 – Rev. John Mitchell
- April 3 – Rev. Sebastien Bakatu
- April 4 – Rev. Paul Baker
- April 5 – Rev. Neil Bakker
- April 6 – Rev. Tom Balluff
- April 7 – Rev. Joe Bambenek

# 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  
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**Director of Advancement and Discipleship,**  
*Mary Beth Pfeifer* ..... x 203  
**Deacon, Larry Palkert**  
**Business Administrator, Alan Savage** ..... x 207  
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**Director of Marketing, Cathleen Cary** ..... x 213  
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**Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson** ..... 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 Office ..... 763-788-9065  
 School Fax ..... 763-788-9066  
**Principal, Jane Bona** ([jbona@immac-church.org](mailto:jbona@immac-church.org)) ..... x 220  
**Administrative Assistant, Barbara Breza** ..... x 219

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Dave Kellner</i>	<i>Kathy Johnson</i>
<i>Charles Karanja</i>	<i>Stacy McVary</i>
<i>Marcus Paulson</i>	<i>Sandy Sichak</i>
<i>Alan Savage</i> (Business Administrator)	
<i>Jane Bona</i> (School Principal)	
<i>Steve Smith</i> (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 39—March 24/25, 2018

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection report for the weekend of March 24/25 will be printed at a later date.

*“This is the day the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad.*

Ps 118

Only a few tickets remain!

# Queen of May

## Dinner and Auction

to benefit

**Immaculate Conception School**

**Friday, May 4, 2018 - 5:30 pm**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
Fellowship Hall**

Hors d'oeuvres and dinner by Steve Pfeifer

- ✦ Spinach Salad, with Warm Bacon Vinaigrette
- ✦ Red Wine Braised Beef
- ✦ Parmesan Crusted Chicken
- ✦ Red Potatoes with Garlic and Rosemary
- ✦ Roasted Baby Carrots
- ✦ Artisan Breads and Rolls
- ✦ Dessert

Silent Auction - Live Auction  
with Auctioneer Colonel Kurt Johnson

Reserved Seat Tickets \$50

Available online at [ICCSonline.org](http://ICCSonline.org)

For more information or to charge by  
phone contact Jami at 763-788-9065.

O spotless, blessed Lady, our lovely Queen of May,  
your children, humbly bending, surround your shrine so dear;  
with heart and voice ascending, sweet Mary, hear our prayer.

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