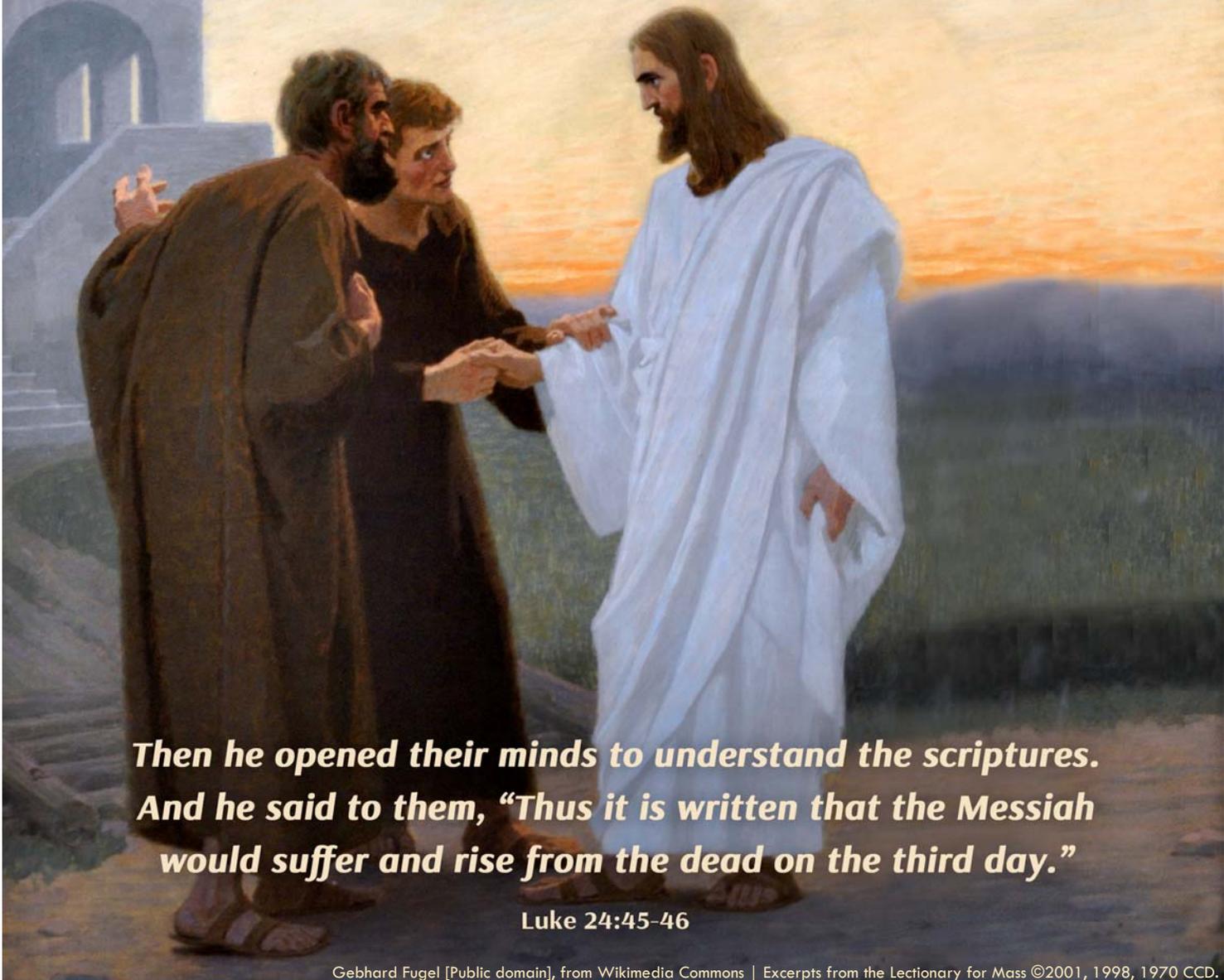




THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.”

Luke 24:45-46

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APRIL 15, 2018 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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2018 Catholic Services Appeal Foundation Pledge Report

As of April 6, 2018:

Our parish's appeal goal for 2018:\$ 33,621.00
 Total pledged so far:\$ 26,629.00
 Percent of goal pledged so far: 79.2%
 Amount collected so far:\$ 18,389.00
 Percent of goal collected so far: 54.7%
 Number of donors so far: 142

100% of goal collected: 25% rebate | 90%-99.9%: 10% rebate | Under 90%: 0% rebate

Catholic Services Appeal Foundation Update

Please join me in sending a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation. We need your help to reach our parish's 2018 Appeal goal of \$33,621. As of April 6, we have collected \$18,389 which is 54.7% of our goal. Once the collected funds from our parishioners reaches the amount of \$33,621, then our parish will receive a 25% rebate of all the funds donated from our parishioners. You can donate by mailing in your pledge form that was sent to you in the mail, donate online at www.csafspm.org, or donate over the phone by calling 612-294-6622.

The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation helps 18 collective ministries in our Archdiocese that serve the homeless, the hungry, the imprisoned, students in financial need, seminarians, and many others. Here is the list of the ministries that cannot be funded by any single parish but rather need support from all of us: American Indian Ministry, Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW), Campus Ministry - Newman Center, Campus Ministry - Saint Paul's Outreach, Catholic Charities, Deaf Ministry of the Archdiocese, Elementary School Subsidies and Scholarships, Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, Scholarships - Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese, Archdiocesan Hospital Chaplains, Latino Ministry of the Archdiocese, Office of Marriage, Family and Life of the Archdiocese, Parishes of the Archdiocese, Archdiocesan Prison Chaplains Ministry, Saint John Vianney College Seminary, The Saint Paul Seminary, Venezuelan Mission of the Archdiocese, Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities.

God Bless You,
 Father John Mitchell



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Thank you to all who generously donated towards the cost of our beautiful Easter flowers and candles in memory of those whose names are listed below:

- Chuck Bernhagen** (donated by Shirley Bernhagen)
- Madonna Bruneau** (donated by Duane Bruneau)
- George Cellette Sr.** (donated by Vernetta Cellette)
- Kathryne Godava** (donated by Fran and Bob Jensen)
- Gen Jensen** (donated by Fran and Bob Jensen)

If you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out this form and send it with your donation to the parish office.

In honor/memory of: _____

Amount: _____

Donor: _____

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Readings and Observances

Sunday, April 15, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
 Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 16

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 17

Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and
 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 18

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 19

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 20

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 22, 4th Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/
 1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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Parish News

Immaculate Conception Church and School

THRIFT SALE

JUNE 14-16, 2018

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 14 & 15: 8 AM - 7 PM
SATURDAY, JUNE 16: BAG SALE - \$5.00 8 AM - NOON

Toys, clothing, furniture, tools, dishes, glasses, household goods, antiques, knick-knacks, sporting equipment, books, DVDs and more!

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE?
Donations will be gratefully accepted:

Saturday, June 9: 9:00 am - Noon
Sunday, June 10: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday & Tuesday, June 11 & 12: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Drive into the church parking lot and follow the signs, someone will meet you to take your donations. Please note - for insurance reasons we are unable to accept any used electrical equipment.

For more information contact Jami at 763-788-9065 x221

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Bake Sale and Heggies Pizza

Pick up some yummy baked goods at the bake sale benefiting our Faith Formation programs this weekend after all Masses.

Heggies Pizza Sale benefiting our Faith Formation Programs will be happening after all Masses this weekend and the weekend of April 21-22. Be sure to sample the pizzas during the Pancake Breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses this Sunday. Call Mary Nawrocki 763-788-9062 x 210 to place orders during the week. Delivery will be the weekend of May 12-13 after all Masses. What a great time to stock up on the BEST frozen pizza!

Another way to help us in this fundraiser is to take an order sheet to your workplace. Heggies is the pizza people love to buy! Contact Mary Nawrocki at the number above. Thanks in advance for your support!

**"The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead;
of this we are witnesses."**

Acts 3:15

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

"If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus News

Council 4381 of the Knights of Columbus accommodated 48 sisters on Palm Sunday with social time, Bingo and Cribbage, prizes and a lunch. This was the 52nd time the knights hosted this event for sisters in the Twin Cities area. A special thank you goes to Vickie Zelinka for preparing the lunch and to those knights and ladies who were there from Immaculate Conception Church and the Church of St. William to wait on these fine sisters who dedicate their lives to helping in our hospitals and schools.

The next knights event will be on April 19 at Immaculate Conception starting at 6:00 pm with social time, a dinner and guest speaker Sarah Ashmore of our parish, who served for a year with NET Ministries. She will talk about her experiences serving with NET and evangelizing teens and youth.

Please call 763-789-8362 or 651-636-2382 if you plan to attend and are not on the permanent list.

Join Online

The Supreme Council has developed a new way for men who are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus to join online. This provides a faster way to join. It provides for the ability to attend local council meetings to help determine what council to join, and provides for obtaining information and answering questions about the Knights. It does not change the requirements for membership. It does not eliminate degrees. Once a member, dues are required, and it does not create a new class of membership. This is all explained on the website.

The website to go to is www.kofc.org. In the upper right corner, click on "FOR MEMBERS" then go to the left side and click on "MEMBERSHIP". In the pull down, click on "ONLINE MEMBERSHIP". This website will explain what is involved with joining the Knights and answer a lot of the questions potential members ask. Call 651-636-2382 if you have additional questions.

Social Justice

Coins for Social Justice

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

The next collection is the weekend of April 21-22. Coins for Social Justice raises funds to support programs that promote the gospel of peace and social justice. The fourth weekend of each month, IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Donations made using bills or checks should be placed in an envelope marked "Social Justice". Small envelopes can be found on tables at all entrances of the church. Only the loose change or marked envelopes from this collection is designated for Social Justice.

Amounts collected:

January \$150.00
February \$174.76



Thank you for your generosity.

Social Justice Committee Meeting

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

Eucharistic Adoration

"The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia."

(Luke 24:35)

Adorers are disciples of the Lord Jesus and recognize Him in the Eucharist when receiving Communion and in the monstrance in the adoration chapel. Each time an adorer enters our Eucharistic adoration chapel, he or she knows they are in the presence of Jesus and rejoice in prayer. They leave their adoration hour with the peace only Jesus can give. Join this prayer-filled group of disciples by signing up for an hour of adoration.

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

For more information, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 or Fran at 763-788-0924.



Pastoral Ministry



Immaculate Conception Church
ANOINTING MASS

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:00 pm

Father John Mitchell will preside.

All Are Welcome!

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

Fellowship

Join us next Sunday, April 22 in Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church), for fellowship, hosted by our Faith Formation youth. Please support our youth by ordering delicious Heggies Pizzas.

"Growing Through Loss"

Join us Thursday, April 19 from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. Speaker Judy Connolly, Chaplain, University of MN Medical Center, will speak on *Feelings and Emotions*. Each session of the series is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212

Crest View Volunteer Party

An invitation is open for all who volunteer in any way at Crest View. The party will be in the main dining room on Tuesday, April 24, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. RSVP to Darlene Anderson, 763-782-1634. *Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women will be honored with an award for their service of providing Rosary and Communion to the residents.*

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

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.

"He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world."

1 John 2:2

Reflections

Word of Life

“A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called ‘perinatal hospice,’ it’s a way of caring for both the baby and the baby’s family before, as well as after, birth.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis” www.usccb.org/prenatal-diagnosis

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I’m afraid to. How do I share my faith?*

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don’t be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Why are you troubled? Life can easily get the best of us. Anxiety, worry, doubt, and uneasiness are just some of the things that can trouble our hearts. Often we are troubled about temporal things. Sometimes our faith troubles us and we wonder where God may be. If we allow Jesus to open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures and the significance of his passion, death, and resurrection, we can begin to trust that God’s plan includes something much more than the current concern of our minds. Jesus can then become a light of revelation who helps us keep our lives in perspective and persevere.

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 15 – Rev. John E. Bauer
April 16 – Rev. John J. Bauer
April 17 – Rev. Peter Bauknecht
April 18 – Rev. Rodger Bauman
April 19 – Rev. Michael Becker
April 20 – Rev. Martin Beckman
April 21 – Rev. Terry Beeson

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 15

Chocolate Bar Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +Maryann Kocon _____ 8:00 am
Heggies Pizza/Bake Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
1st Communion Class _____ 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Mass, Intention, +Randal Wilcox _____ 10:00 am

Monday, April 16

St. Jude Circle _____ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
RCIC I _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
1st Communion Bread Making (ICS) _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17

Mass, Intention, +Jane Loso _____ 7:30 am
Social Justice Meeting _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Finance Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, April 18

Mass, Intention, Millie Distel _____ 7:30 am
Honor Roll Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 9:00 am
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Spring Concert (Preschool – 2nd Grade) _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 19

Mass (School), Intention, +Bonnie Shutte _____ 8:30 am
Communion Service, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
KC BVM Council Member Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, April 20

Mass, Intention, +Wynne & Mike Kosloski _____ 7:30 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 21

CSCOE - Preschool Academy _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
1st Communion Practice _____ 9:00 am - 10:30 am
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +Maryann Kocon _____ 5:00 pm
Heggies Pizza Sale _____ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, April 22

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Heggies Pizza/Bake Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:30 am
Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mass, 1st Communion _____ 10:00 am
Intention, +Bob Prokott

+Deceased

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We are partnering with Lifetouch to produce a new photo directory. We need YOU to make our directory complete! To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our parish, we invite you to be a part of our upcoming new directory.



WE NEED YOU
to make our new family directory complete

A new directory:

- Preserves this special time in the life our church
- Becomes a lasting record of our current membership
- Helps us connect faces with names

Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait.

Photography Dates:

Tuesday, May 29 through Saturday, June 2
Monday, June 4 through Saturday, June 9

Photography Hours:

Weekdays 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturdays 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Ways to Sign-up for Your Session:

1. Sign up on our website at: www.iccsonline.org
2. See our signup boards before or after upcoming Masses
3. Call Terri Glaeser at 763-788-9062 X 227

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with NO sitting fee. You will have a variety of poses taken. One pose will be selected for the directory. In addition to your complimentary 8x10, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session. Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office for those would like them prior to photography.

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to be professionally photographed. We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory.

P.S. Your photography session will take about an hour, during which time you will check-in, be photographed and view your portraits.

