



THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



*As the Father loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.*

John 9:15

MAY 6, 2018 | SIXTH 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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From the Pastor's Desk



Capital Campaign

Our Together In Faith Capital Campaign for our parish and school runs from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019. This upcoming June we plan to repair one set of school windows on third floor, and in August, after the parish festival, we plan to re-surface the church parking lots on both sides of Jackson Street NE. Thank you for supporting our campaign and making payments on your pledges.



<u>Future projects:</u>	<u>Project Cost:</u>
One set of School windows	\$ 40,452.00 (planned for June 2018)
Church parking lots	\$ 146,917.00 (planned for August 2018)
Retire Morgan Stanley loan	\$ 80,915.00 (remaining)
Overdue Archdiocesan assessment	\$ 200,000.00
Fellowship Hall carpet	\$ 26,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 494,284.00

<u>Projects completed:</u>	
Church lighting panel	\$ 12,000.00
Church doors (two sets)	\$ 12,484.00
Retire Morgan Stanley loan	\$ 15,000.00 paid so far
Bell Tower repairs	\$ 257,000.00
Parish Office/School elevator	\$ 24,934.00
Boiler work and Chimney	\$ 35,837.40
Concrete sidewalks and steps	\$ 26,000.00
Church roof	\$ 130,147.00
TOTAL	\$ 513,402.40

Close the Gap

The months of May and June will bring us to the end of the 2017-18 fiscal year, and our parish is facing a projected deficit of \$ 25,000.00 in our Sunday collection income for July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. If possible, please give an extra \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more beyond your current giving level to help us “Close the Gap Before June 30” and eliminate our projected deficit.

God Bless You,

Father John Mitchell
Pastor



“Close the Gap Before June 30” Immaculate Conception Church, Columbia Heights

I am enclosing the amount of \$ _____ to help eliminate the anticipated \$ 25,000 deficit in our parish’s Sunday collection income for fiscal year 2017-18.

Name (optional) _____ Member ID # _____

Please return this form and your gift to our Church using your Sunday donation envelope or an envelope labeled “Close the Gap” and place it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the Parish Office. **THANK YOU!**

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“In this way the love of God was revealed to us:
God sent his only Son into the world so that
we might have life through him.”
(1 Jn 4:9)

Parish News



Thrift Sale—June 14-16, 2018

Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15: 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday, June 16: Bag Sale—\$5.00: 8:00 am - noon

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 and Tuesday, June 11 and 12: 4:00 pm - 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 x 221

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.*

May 6 – Rev. Peter Brandenhoff

May 7 – Rev. John Brandes

May 8 – Rev. William Brenna

May 9 – Rev. Andrew Brinkman

May 10 – Rev. James Burns

May 11 – Rev. John Burns

May 12 – Rev. Harold Bury

Readings and Observances

Sunday, May 6, 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Monday, May 7

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday, May 8

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 9

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 10

St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 11

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 12

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

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Parish Photo Directory

We are partnering with Lifetouch to produce a new photo directory. We need YOU to make our directory complete! Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8 x 10 portrait.

Photography Dates:

Tuesday, May 29 through Saturday, June 2

Monday, June 4 through Saturday, June 9

Hours:

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

Ways to sign up for your session:

- Sign-up on our website at www.ICCSonline.org
- See our sign-up boards before or after upcoming Masses
- Call Terri Glaeser at 763-788-9062 x227

All photography and portrait viewing will take place at our church with no sitting fee. In addition to your complimentary 8 x 10 portrait, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Lifetouch's portrait price lists will be available in the parish office.

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments



“Get Together” was a popular song in 1967 by the *Youngbloods*. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and “try to love one another right now.” It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.

Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the *Youngbloods'* song states, “the one who left us here returns for us at last.”

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Happy Anniversary!

May God continue to bless the marriage of

John & Sue Ashmore

30 years - May 7



Pastoral Ministry

Anointing Mass

All are welcome to attend an Anointing Mass (Father John Mitchell will preside) at the following location:

Crest View on 42nd
42nd and Central Avenue • Columbia Heights
Thursday, May 10 at 3:15 pm

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

“Growing Through Loss”

Join us Thursday, May 10 from 6:45 - 9:00 pm at St. Philip’s Lutheran Church, 6180 Highway 65 NE, Fridley. The topic, *Families in Grief* will be presented by speaker Janice Winchester-Nadeau Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist. Each session of the series is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki, 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 *John Goldonik, Lowell Moser, Ramos Washington, David Woolhouse* 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:

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

Council of Catholic Women



CCW Recognized for Volunteer Service

Congratulations to the Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women on receiving the CEO Recognition Award for their many years of volunteer service at Crest View Home. The CCW volunteers visit Crest View each Thursday to provide the residents with the opportunity to attend a Communion service and Rosary. Nine CCW members and Father John Mitchell were present at Crest View on April 24 to accept the award.

Celebrate and Honor Mothers on Mother’s Day

Next weekend, May 12-13 would be a good time to thank Moms for the most precious gift they could ever give their child—*Life*. Give her a small token of your love with flowers. Next weekend; after all Masses we will have single carnations, begonias and mini rose bushes for you purchase in the narthex. This is in support of MCCL’s Pro-life Awareness Program, “Thanks MOM for Life”.

Do You Have Unwanted Costume Jewelry?

Do you know what to do with that jewelry you no longer use? Donate it! Our Brother’s Keeper is again collecting jewelry to supply our booth at Fun Fest. Please leave your donations in the designated box (on top of the coat rack, across from the elevator at the front entrance of church) before the end of June. Your donations will be very much appreciated!

May CCW Meeting Reminder

Thursday, May 10, 2018

6:00 pm—Rosary with Father John outdoors at the Shrine
6:30 pm—Mass and Installation; light supper to follow
7:30 pm—Membership meeting (last one until September)

Faith Formation



Registration forms are available in the church or register at: parish.iccsonline.org

Make sure you register early for this exciting week long summer faith experience for grade school and high school youth. A team of seminarians and college students will spend the week with our children to inspire, teach and lead them in a rich experience of what it is to be Catholic.

Faith, Fun and Friends...how can you miss?

Totus Tuus is back at Immaculate Conception Church!

June 10-15, 2018

Children entering grades K-6 • June 11-15
Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Youth entering grades 7-12 • June 10-14
Sunday through Thursday, 7:30 - 9:45 pm

Cost: \$25 per participant / \$75 maximum per family

Contact the Faith Formation Office,
763-788-9062 x 210 or mnawrocki@immac-church.org



Reflections

Word of Life

“Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person’s heart; we simply need to follow where he leads.”

—UUSCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
How to Build a Culture of Life, usccb.org/culture-of-life

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

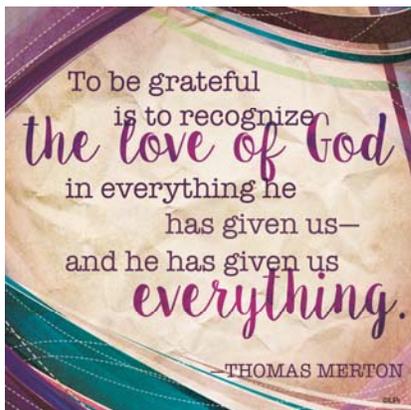
Question: *What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?*

Answer: St. Paul first enumerates these in the Letter to the Galatians. There are twelve of them. They are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. He explains in chapter 5 the proper use of freedom. The Galatians were divided within the community and the result is a litany of vice and corruption. The law of love had been set aside and in its place greed, selfishness, division, and other diseases of the spirit are given free reign. These are the evils that enslave us, denying us the basic freedom we need to live our faith. Freedom is not a license to give in to the baser drives of our being, but rather an ability to choose the higher gifts and the life of faith. It is not a freedom from, but rather a freedom for. We are freed from the slavery of sin for the life of faith. The virtues St. Paul lists are the very ones that we often associate with saints, who live these virtues in extraordinary ways in very ordinary lives. The fruits of the Spirit are the way we measure our growth in holiness and in faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the fruits of the Holy Spirit as perfections that the Spirit forms in us as “the first fruits of eternal glory” (#1832). In other words, these are the virtues that are the result of living our faith and bringing it to perfection.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.” So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our “infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love.” We have been touched by God’s love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 6

Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 8:00 am
Mass, **Crowning of Mary** _____ 10:00 am
Intention, **+Marcella Bialke**

Monday, May 7

RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 8

Mass, Intention, **+Lorenza Gubagaras,** _____ 7:30 am
+Lawrence & Margaret Wodziak
School Advisory Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
ICS Gr. 3-5 Band and Chorus Concert _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, May 9

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Intention, **65th Wedding Anniversary, Fran & Bob Jensen**
Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 10

Mass (School), _____ 8:30 am
Intention, **Andrew Becker**
Funeral Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm
Anointing Mass, Crest View on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
ICCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, May 11

Mass, Intention, **+Norbert & James Malisheski,** _____ 7:30 am
+Colleen Cadwell
Trustee Meeting _____ 12:30 pm - 2:30 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, May 12

RCIA _____ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
ICS Open House and Playdate _____ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mother’s Day Flower Sale _____ 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Mass, Intention, **IC Parishioners** _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, May 13, *Mother’s Day*

Mother’s Day Flower Sale _____ 7:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, **+Rosemary Soukup** _____ 8:00 am
Mass, Intention, **+JoAnn Molan** _____ 10:00 am
+Deceased

Thank Our Advertiser of the Week...

Kapala-Glodek Funeral Home
Cremation Services • Advance Planning
230 13th Avenue • NE Minneapolis
612-378-1331

This advertiser, and the others on the back of the bulletin, make this bulletin possible, please support them when you can.

Gospel Meditation



Sixth Sunday of Easter

“I have called you friends.” Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely

new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we’re looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a “good” friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or “commandments.”

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship—new or old—becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? “You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word “command” and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties “commandment” to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know “what [the] Master is doing.” Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn’t scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This “new commandment” to “love one another” is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

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Eucharistic Adoration

*“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.”*

(John 15:9)

The love of Jesus is so precious. In adoration, adorers are in the presence of Jesus and experience the love He spoke about. Adorers leave the adoration chapel feeling the love and peace only Jesus can give. Everyone is invited to join our Eucharistic Adoration ministry. All are welcome!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

- Thursdays at 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.

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, Julie Mack x 204
Director of Advancement and Discipleship,
Mary Beth Pfeifer x 203
Deacon, Larry Palkert
Business Administrator, Alan Savage 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, 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*) 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>

Alan Savage (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 44—April 28-29, 2018

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call Alan Savage, Parish Business Administrator. He can be reached at x 207. Thank you.

All men are invited to the

I.C. MEN'S GROUP



DINNER AND SPEAKER

PLUS VIDEO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH • FELLOWSHIP HALL

DINNER: 6:00 PM | VIDEO: 6:30 PM | SPEAKER:-7:00 PM

Catholic Watchmen Video: Fathers leading their families in the faith.

Speaker Patrick McVary will talk about living his Catholic faith.

Please invite your friends, sons, dads, brothers and co-workers.

They don't have to be Catholic to attend, all are welcome.

This is a free will offering event.

Please RSVP – call, text or email to:

Mike Bridgeman 612-770-1169 Bridgeman@bonabros.com
or Patrick McVary 612-803-3020 Patrick@mcvarylaw.com

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