



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

**September 13, 2020**

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## **24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FALSE FORGIVENESS**

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday.....5:30pm  
Sunday.....8:30am

Tuesday and Wednesday.....6:00pm  
Thursday and Friday.....7:30am

Confession:

Saturday.....4:30-5:15pm  
Sunday.....7:55-8:15am  
or by appointment

1st Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed  
Sacrament.....7:00pm-10:00pm

## Information

Marriage Preparation: Contact Father Raj at  
least six months in advance.

Baptism: Call the rectory for an appointment.

Communion: Anyone unable to come  
forward for communion, let Father Raj know  
before Mass. Those ill or homebound, please  
contact Father Raj to arrange for communion  
to be brought to your home.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept 12.....5:30pm  
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Sunday, Sept 13.....8:30am  
For our Christian Mothers

Tuesday, Sept 15.....6:00pm  
Art Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Wednesday, Sept 16.....6:00pm  
Lucille Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Thursday, Sept 17.....7:30am  
Lucille Britten by Clifton & Susan Britten

Friday, Sept 18.....7:30am  
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## Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma  
Detten, Celeste Connelly, Shamara  
Husemann, Bill Becker, Charleen Weller,  
Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna  
Marie Wink, Matthew Gary Britten, Doris  
Britten, Phillip Ollinger, Dee Martinez,  
Shane King, JoAnn Britten, Ann McNabb,  
George "Jiggs" Britten, Cobb Britten,  
Luke Acker, Doug Acker, Sister Louise,  
Schellon Major, Dianne Ollinger,  
Tony Moranic, Josh Crooks, Martin  
Hermesmeyer, and Joe Winner.

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will  
lay your healing Hands upon all those  
who are sick.*

## Family Chalice Program

September 13.....Bill Homer  
September 20.....Pam & Cassie Ashford  
September 27.....Mike & Marla Britten  
October 4.....Adela & Staci Kotara

## Stewardship Reports

09/06/2020 Stewardship Report

Individual	\$ 8,660.00
Loose	\$ 42.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,702.31</b>

09/06/2020 Assumption of Mary

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 50
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09/06/20 Black and Native American  
Mission

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 10
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09/06/20 Catholic Charities Appeal

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 25
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09/06/20 Building Fund

Individual & TOTAL	\$ 475
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## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, Sept 12, 2020 at 5:30pm**

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

**Sunday, Sept 13, 2020 at 8:30am**

Lector: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

**Saturday, Sept 19, 2020 at 5:30pm**

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

**Sunday, Sept 20, 2020 at 8:30am**

Lector: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

**Saturday, Sept 26, 2020 at 5:30pm**

Lector: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

**Sunday, Sept 27, 2020 at 8:30am**

Lector: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling

**Saturday, Oct 3, 2020 at 5:30pm**

Lector: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

**Sunday, Oct 4, 2020 at 8:30am**

Lector: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Michele Bohr

## Church Cleaning for Sept

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joannie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, Adela Kotara, Staci Kotara, Melanie Hinson and Karen Brown

## Congratulations!

***Landree Hinson  
and  
Ryan Keese***



Our prayers and best wishes go out to Landree and Ryan who received the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend.

## Announcements

The first Christian Mothers meeting of the 2020-2021 season is scheduled for Monday, Sept 14 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. All members are asked to bring a salad. Kamy Whatley will be the guest speaker presenting the Robert's Rule of Order on Parliamentary Procedures.

Faith Formation classes will begin Oct 2. Registration forms are located in the foyer of the church. Please fill them out ASAP so we have an accurate count of students. You may email forms to Nicole at [nlkuehl@gmail.com](mailto:nlkuehl@gmail.com) or leave them in the foyer of the church. Information about Diocesan guidelines is included on the forms and will also be emailed. We will not have School sisters teaching classes this year. There will be 2 large groups that will require a larger space to spread apart. The high school classes will be moved to Sunday mornings following mass. We are in need of teachers and substitutes, if anyone is interested please call Nicole Kuehler.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 15.....Amanda Harvey  
September 17.....Madeline Britten  
September 18.....A: Nathan & Sherri Wieberg  
September 19.....Thomas Moranic

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## September 14:

### THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS -THE CROSS, THE FATHER, AND LOVE.

In Philippians 2:8 we read "He humbled Himself, obediently accepting even death." "God put Abraham to the test" (Gn 22:1). Abraham obediently brought his son Isaac to offer him up to the Lord (Gn 22:3). "Abraham took th" "My heavenly Father will treat you in exactly the same way unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." —Matthew 18:35

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Abraham took thee wood for the holocaust and laid it on his son Isaac's shoulders" (Gn 22:6). He placed Isaac upon the wood and reached out to sacrifice him. Then the Lord, pleased by Abraham's supreme devotion to Him, stopped the sacrifice. Did Isaac live the rest of his life in dread of his father Abraham? How did Isaac react the next time Abraham wanted to go and offer sacrifice? Scripture portrays him only as a devoted son. Apparently Isaac was so assured of Abraham's love for him that he could accept the cross of being faithful to a father who once allowed him to be offered up on the wood. Likewise, Jesus wouldn't complain about a Father Who would allow Him to be sacrificed upon the wood of the cross. He simply said to His Father: "Not My will but Yours be done" (Lk 22:42). We are children of a Father Who allows and commands us to bear a daily cross. Can we trust His love for us enough to stay faithful and docile to Him — no matter what crosses He requires? If we don't know our Father's love for us, we won't bear the pressure of the cross. We'll either complain (Nm 21:5) or flee from the cross (Mk 14:50). If we're convinced of His love for us, we will come to know the triumph of the cross. "Live in His love" (Jn 15:10). Take up your cross (Lk 9:23).