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May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Grapevine

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
	7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
	nursday-Friday 8:30 a.m.
	6:00 p.m. followed by
•	Novena/Benediction
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Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday	5:30-5:50 p.m.
Friday	
Saturday	
Other times as announced	

BAPTISMS: Notify the parish office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry) Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 225.664.1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls are answered immediately. Home visitation is for the sick and shut-in. Hospital visits are weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the parish office.

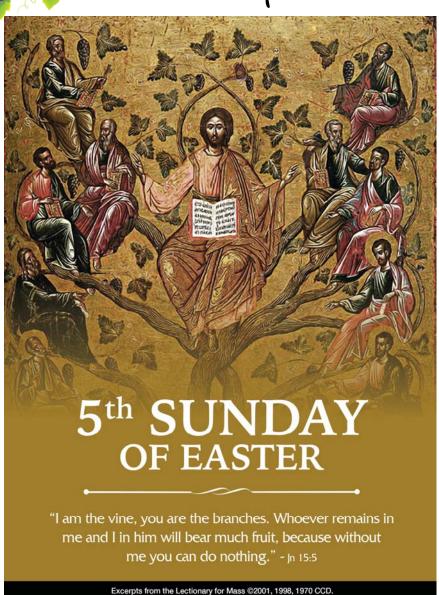
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

To sign-up, please contact Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892.

FORMED: Go to <u>http://icc-msh.formed.org</u>, enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Information for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the parish office at least two weeks prior to the event.





MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

FRIDAY, MAY 7 8:00 AM - 8:25

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 8 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2:45 - 3:45 PM 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 9



Week at a Glance

Pcoming

SATURDAY, MAY 1 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass-Feast of St. Joseph/Church 2:45 PM - 3:50 PM Reconciliation/Church 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Mass in Spanish/Church SUNDAY, MAY 2 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Church

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM RCIA-RCIC/Main Hall/Pavilion/FFC Retrouvaille Follow-up/Main Hall 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM St. Joseph's Day for Kids/Pavilion 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, MAY 3 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

TUESDAY, MAY 4 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall 5:30 PM - 5:50 PM Reconciliation/Church 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall THURSDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall Girl Scout Recruitment/Pavilion 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Church

> Reconciliation/Church Mass/Church Early Learning Center/ELC Rms. Adoration-Litany-Bene/Mission of the Sacred Heart AA/Small Hall Girl Scouts #10615/T 16

AA/Small Hall Reconciliation/Church Mass/Church Retrouvaille Core Meeting/Main Hall Mass in Spanish/Church

Mass/Church 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass/Church 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church Retrouvaille Follow-up/FFC 112 Scout Catholic Emblem Mtg./T 16 Mass/Church

National Day of

Thursday May 6

Lord, pour out your love, life and Liberty

WHAT IS THIS JOURNEY IN BETWEEN THE EVENT WE CALL "BIRTH" AND THE ONE WE CALL "DEATH?"

Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.

The Search from FORMED is an innovative video-based journey that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In seven beautifully filmed episodes, Chris Stefanick and experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art, and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence.

We invite everyone 18 to 25 years old to join us on that great adventure of discovering the answers to our big questions. Bring your friends and meet us at 7:00 (after the 6:00 p.m. Mass) on Sundays in the Faith Formation Building Room 212 beginning June 6th through July 25th (except on July 6th). There is no cost for this study but preregistration is required. Also, a light dinner will be served. For more information or to register, scan the codes below or contact Amanda Milton at amilton@icc-msh.org.



Video Trailer:



Registration:







We will begin the 33 Day consecration to Mary on Thursday, July 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Faith Formation building. If you are interested, please contact Gwen Richard at

gcrichard@icc-msh.org.

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A happy and blessed fourth week of Easter to all! It has been a busy and grace filled season so far for me. It has been great to see so many people attending weekend Masses and other parish activities. This past weekend, over

1000 people came to Mass. Some attendees after Mass have been noting that they are just now returning and how joyful it is to be back. With the returning of more people, we have had to use the overflow for at least three of our Masses. I know this has created some disappointment for some who try to come to the church but are directed to the overflow area. I thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we try to follow the guidelines provided by the state and the diocese.

This past week we received new guidance from Bishop Duca in regards to Mass protocols. Therefore, I want to share with how this will affect us here at Immaculate Conception Church.

- Masks are still required and are to be worn during the celebration of Mass and at all church functions.
- Starting next weekend, May 1st/2nd, the ropes that block off the pews will be removed to allow for more seating in the church.
- We are going to encourage everyone to still provide some physical distancing between households and individuals in the pews.
- The overflow area in the Main Hall will still be provided.
- The cry room will be available for families once again.
- The holy water fonts will be filled with holy water.
- We will continue to livestream the Mass on weekends.
- Starting next weekend, we are going to try livestream the 9:00 a.m. Mass instead of the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Hopefully this will help with a better internet connection and also provide those watching online to listen to the choir sing.
- For those who attend the Mission of the Sacred Heart in Livingston, we are planning to resume the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass starting on Sunday, May 23.

For some, I know this brings good news as it shows progress is being made. For others, this brings concern about more people being present in the church and sitting a little closer together. We will work to make sure people are safe while trying to accommodate more people who want to be in the church.

As we continue our journey with the Lord, the Good Shepherd, please continue to pray for all us who have been affected in any way this past year and to pray that we remain faithful in following His will!

Through the Alliance of the Two Hearts,

Fr. Matthew J. Graham Pastor

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STUMP THE DEACON!



In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God the Father to "lead us not into temptation." Does that mean that God will sometimes lead us to temptation?

No, God would never lead us into temptation. According to the Book of Genesis, everything that God created was "good," and He wants us to enjoy things that are good. Evil resulting from temptation is not "good." The words used in today's Lord's Prayer are the result of a bad translation of the original words used in the prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states "our sins result from our consenting to temptation; we therefore ask our Father not to 'lead' us into temptation. It is difficult to translate the Greek verb used by a single English word: the Greek [verb] means both 'do not allow us to enter into temptation' and 'do not let us yield to temptation.' 'God cannot be tempted by evil, and He himself tempts no one;' on the contrary, He wants to set us free from evil. We ask Him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin. We are engaged in the battle 'between flesh and spirit'; this petition implores the Spirit of discernment and strength" (CCC 2846). The petition is acknowledging the reality of evil, and implores the Holy Spirit give us the grace to overcome any of the devil's temptations.

Evil entered into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. As a result the devil will tempt us to bring us away from God, but "God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape so that you may be able to endure it" (CCC 2848). Praying the Lord's Prayer can help us fight off Satan.

In 2017, Pope Francis said, "I am the one who falls. It's not Him [the Father] pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen. A father doesn't do that; a father helps you to get up immediately. It's Satan who leads us into temptation – that's his department."

The Pope has allowed a change in Italy: "Do not let us fall into temptation" will now be used in Masses in Italy. French bishops have also made a change in the words, but, so far, the United States Bishops have not approved any change to the *Lord's Prayer*.

Deacon George Hooper; ghooper@icc-msh.org





Parish Life + Formation

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RCIA
Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults/
Children

Each week during the next few months, we will be sharing the RCIA experience and stories of our new Catholics who joined the Church this Easter as well as comments from their sponsors.

I come from a very Protestant household. I was raised mostly Methodist and Baptist. One side of my family was extremely cemented in Protestantism. We would often attend services and small groups multiple times a week. We played Captain Bible the computer game, Bible Trivial Pursuit, the whole nine yards. I went to a Baptist high school and even have pastor siblings. Catholicism was not really on the radar except for my amazing Sicilian Nonna. And that was just that for quite some time. High school and college came and went, and I was found focusing on my faith less and less in my daily life. Years later, I married my dream girl and built a family together. God blessed us with two beautiful children. There we went for a couple years just living life, working, being parents. I could not shake the feeling something was missing. "How could we have 'everything' and yet still not enough?" I would wonder to myself in my heart. One day, I reconnected with a long-time friend, Blake. We got to catching up cackling like two old hens about yesteryear, the present, and the future. Blake shared with me how he had converted to Catholicism and how that had shown up in his life. Being a believer for so long, we shared quite a few lengthy theological debates (we still do . . . lol). I meditated on these conversations. I prayed about these conversations. God put a deep disturbance in my soul. It was as if He was telling me, "THIS IS THE MOMENT, PAY ATTENTION, LISTEN." Blake came to me for another life talk, and we found our way on the topic of RCIA. I explained to him this feeling I was having, and he suggested I take a gander. Due to my upbringing, I was hesitant. I convinced myself to give it a shot because, worse case scenario, I could just stop going, right? I met with this amazing woman, Tammy Jackson, about RCIA. We just clicked. She suggested a book, Home Sweet Rome by Scott Hahn. Being an avid reader, I promptly dove in. I REALLY enjoyed it. It was almost as if it was written for me. In the book, Scott describes the development of a deep hunger for the Eucharist. I felt it too. I went all in on RCIA. I read, studied, prayed, paid attention in class, talked about what we learned, and researched more myself. It was an awesome ordeal. One day on a run, I had this overwhelming gratitude flow over me at the grace of God, and how He had brought me back to Him. I KNEW I HAD MADE THE RIGHT DECISION. The day finally came for the Easter Vigil. A year of preparation and prayer was about to finally culminate in receiving of the sacraments. What an absolutely beautiful experience it was! The service was amazing. The room was almost humming with love. I was now a full-fledged member of the Church. I called my Nonna to share the good news and was met with such tears of joy on the other end of the line. What a day! I will never forget it. I can still smell the majestic aroma of chrism when I think back on it. Take heed all who read. This experience has forever impacted the trajectory of my life, my family's life, and my children's. There is more out there than you know right now. Take the chance. Make the journey. Be changed. Be blessed. I am forever grateful. -Kyle Evans



Registration for 2021-2022 is now OPEN

Please register as soon as possible so that we can review the number of books, classes, and catechists needed.

Registration forms for new students, class selection forms for grades 1-10, and confirmation class selection forms for grade 11 are located under "Documents" in the right column of the Religious Education Page under FORMATION of the website - https://www.icc-msh.org/religious-education. Forms must be printed out, completed, and turned in to our office with payment or emailed to registration@icc-msh.org and pay online using Online giving https://icc-msh.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/PSRRegistration

If paying using Online Giving, please email *jstahl@icc-msh.org* to let her know. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Stahl at (225) 665-5926.

ICC'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMP

Camp Dates: June 7 - July 30

Registration Fee: \$150.00 | Tuition Fee: \$600.00 for 8 weeks of camp

Hours: 9:15 - carpool starts at 1:30 p.m. 5 days a week program only.

To register your child, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at elc@icc-msh.org.

Help Needed: If you are interested in working during the summer camp, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at elc@icc-msh.org.



ICC'S EARLY LEARNING CENTER REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2021-2022 is now OPEN

REGISTRATION FEE \$200.00

All classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds will be on a five (5) day program, Monday through Friday, 9:15 a.m. -2:00 p.m.. To register, contact Mandy or Karen at 664.8968 or email us at elc@icc-msh.org.



Parish Life + Communitu



May 1, 2021-May 9, 2021

SATURDAY: 05/01/21

Charles Lyons†; Ragan Brumfield†; Sandi Ruttman†; 4:00 p.m.

Christian Stowe†; Kathy Caruso; Donna Capone†; Peggy Aucoin†; Frank Genusa, Śr.†; Irwin Steudlein, Sr.†; M/M Joe Beazer†; Bennie Fontenot, Jr.†; Paul Hoppe†; Dominic Thuc Nguyen†; Kathleen Berthelot†; Travis Hebert†; Brenda Young; Henry Pulizzano†; Carolyn & Mike Barcelona†; John Stowe†; Frank Genusa, Jr.†; Kathy Alello†; Lila

SUNDAY: 05/02/21

Alex Theriot, Jr.†; Neil Juneau†; Merle Massie†; 7:00 a.m.

Lloyd deGeneres†; Anthony Comeaux†; Joseph Soan

Pham†.

9:00 a.m. For the People. 11:00 am Vivian Bonano†; Betty & Johnny Pommier†; Special

Intention; Anne James†; Mervin Simoneaux†; Shannon Byrd†; Melvin Higginbotham†; Germaine Hopkins†; Long Nguyen†; Dominic The Phu Hoag†;

Ragan Brumfield†

Carbo†.

6:00 p.m. Donald & Evelyn Dean†; Sidney Scholl†; Nancy

Reed†.

MONDAY: 05/03/21

8:30 a.m. Roland J. Beaudet[†].

TUESDAY: 05/04/21

6:00 p.m. Dr./Mrs. Ben Thompson, Jr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 05/05/21 Brady Whited. 8:30 a.m. **THURSDAY 05/06/21** 8:30 a.m. Rudolph Stahl†.

FRIDAY: 05/07/21

M/M Gerry Matherne. 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY: 5/08/21

M/M Joey Waguespack†; Sam Guzzardo†; Frank 4:00 p.m.

Genusa, Šr.†; Marguerite Oubre†; Irwin Steudlein, Sr.†; Kathy Caruso; Gary Vicknair†; Kathleen Berthelot†; Travis Hebert†; Carolyn & Mike Barcelona†; Lila Carbo†; Maria Nguyen Thi Nguo†;

Frank Genusa, Jr.†; Kathy Alello†; Silvio Family†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Paul Hoppe†; Campagna Family†.

SUNDAY: 05/09/21

7:00 a.m. Marie & Donna Capone[†]; Mickie Todd[†]; Al

Deranger†; Neil Juneau†; Lloyd deGeneres†;

Anthony Comeaux†.

Lynwood Stafford, Sr.†; Phillip John Bilski†; Edwin Lohr†; Michael Howze†; Rosie Genusa†; Josephine 9:00 a.m.

Guzzardo†; Rose Jones†; Anna McMillon†; Delmas

Forbes, Sr.†.

11:00 a.m. Vivian Bonano[†]; Betty & Johnny Pommier[†]; Henry

Pulizzano†; Special Intention; Anne James†; Germaine Hopkins†; Long Nguyen†; Dominic The

Phu Hoang†. Flo Lasserre; Donald Dean†; Sidney Scholl†; Viola 6:00 p.m.

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CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP: 05/02/21 - 05/08/21

Burns for: FR. MATTHEW'S INTENTIONS

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT: 05/02/21 - 05/08/21

Burns in honor of: **BRADLEY WHITED.**



We express our sympathy and prayers to Charles Joffrion, Jr. on the death of his father, CHARLES JOFFRION, SR.

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A special hour of prayer to celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021, at noon by the Mary fountain at the church. All are invited.



Knights of Columbus Quarterly Communion Saturday, May 15 at the 4 p.m. Mass All KC Members are invited!

Graduation NEWS



Class of 2021—We would like to recognize and congratulate all of our graduates of 2021 by printing their names in our bulletin. Please email Elaine at

elamath@icc-msh.org or call the church office at 665.5359 by May 28. All names will be printed in the June *Grapevine*. You must call for your name to appear.



Identified offertory givers: 9,572.00 884.00 Visitors/unidentified: Special Collection: 65.00 Total collected and retained in Parish: 10,521.00

Building Maintenance: 12,030.00 \$ Agency and Mission Collection: 1,257.00 **Total weekly collection:** 23,808.00

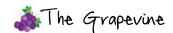




WeShare Online Giving icc-msh.weshareonline.org

As a reminder, if you have recently made any changes to your bank account or credit card, please update vour payment information on WeShare (icc-msh.weshareonline.org)

If you are an on-line giving contributor and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please call the church office at 225.665.5359.



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Annual Parish Fall Festival September 17-19, 2021

We will have a full Parish Fall Festival this year! Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m.. If you are interested in helping this year, please come to this meeting.

We are in need of many volunteers to help. This is a great way to give to our parish and community with your participation in making this event the best it can be! Mary and David Stringfellow are the festival chairs this year. You can reach them at 225.266.7651 or email marystringfell@yahoo.com for questions and to volunteer.



Monday June 14 - Thursday June 17 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | for all youth grades 1-8

Registration Fee: \$10 per child make checks payable to ICC or pay online icc-msh.weshareonline.org

Registration deadline: Friday, June 11 (no registering at the door) Registration forms available to download at https:// www.icc-msh.org/religious-education – VBS Registration or come by the church office during office hours.

Keadings for the week of

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14 Monday: Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf.

12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/ Wednesday: Jn 15:1-8

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-Thursday: 11

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn Friday:

15:12-17

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 Saturday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 Next Sunday: [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 ©LPi

Parish Life . W



The Adoration Chapel is now OPEN during the following times:

- Monday 8:00 a.m. (continuing all night)
- Tuesday until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Adorers needed for the following hours:

Monday: 8-9 p.m.; Friday: 1 - 2 p.m., 2 - 3 p.m.

To sign-up to spend an hour with Jesus, call or text Allison Renfrow at 225.978.1892 or Colleen Montgomery at 225.281.5275.

REMINDER: The noon - 1:00 p.m. hour every Friday is for the unborn and praying for priests. We pray ALOUD the Pro-life Rosary and the Chaplet for Priests. Please join us.

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