

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clare Catholic Church
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*“There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better
part and it will not be taken
from her.”*

Fr. Arul Lazar, MSFS - Pastor
Rectory 273-8953

Dennis Cristofaro - Deacon
Emergency 273-8953 x112

One theme of today's readings is hospitality. The two main readings today deal with aspects of hospitality. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, we see Abraham showing hospitality to three strangers. In the gospel reading from Luke, Jesus is shown hospitality at the house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. I think of the importance of hospitality as a part of our Catholic faith and the ways we try to show hospitality here at our parishes of St. Clare and Immaculate Conception. It is important for us to be welcoming to everyone and to help everyone feel that they are welcome to be a member of our community.

Dear Parish Family,

As I write to you after two weeks of taking on the role of your pastor, my heart is filled with gratitude and joy for the hospitality, love and support I experience in both of the Parishes. It has been a time of deep reflection and connection as I've begun to enter into the vibrant life of these communities.

From the very first moments, I felt warmly welcomed by each of you. Your kindness and hospitality have made my transition smoother than I could have ever anticipated. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you during Mass and at various church activities, and each encounter has left me inspired by your faith and commitment to our parishes.

During these two weeks, you may have had trouble in understanding my Indian accent but still you have made it your mission to listen to me patiently. Thank you so very much. I am eager to understand the unique spirit of our community and to build meaningful relationships. It is my belief that, together, we can continue to cultivate an environment of love, support, and faith that draws each of us closer to Christ.

Looking ahead, I plan to be present at all our parish gatherings to get to know one another better and to explore our collective vision for the future. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions during this process. You may reach out to me via email: icclarechurch@gmail.com

Please know that my door is always open. I am here for you as a shepherd, a servant, a listener, and a friend. Together, let us walk in faith, fostering a community rooted in love and service.

Have a good week and Praised be Jesus Christ!

Fr. Arul Lazar.

Are you looking for something to help you enjoy this beautiful July Sunday? The Knights of Columbus out of Three Rivers has their annual golf outing today. The outing is a two-person 18-hole scramble. Golf cart, side games, putting contest, post-round meal, and door prizes are all included in the \$70 per person cost. Shotgun start at 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 20 at St. Joe Valley Golf Club. No pre-registration required! Don't have a partner, don't worry, we'll find a partner or group for you. If you have questions, please contact Chad Thelen (259.506.1537).



We are God's hands providing
housing, health, and hope to His
Children.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 19 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Maureen Fosdick (B-day)
By: Family

Sunday, July 20— SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Boyer Family
By: Paul & Mary Ann Carra

Monday, July 21 - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

8:00 a.m. †Joseph Tokarski
By: Wife Mary Ann

Tuesday, July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene

6:00 pm Mass at St. Clare

Wednesday, July 23 - Saint Bridget Religious

8:00 am †Jane Sebo
By: Mike & Jill Sebo

Thursday, July 24 - Saint Sharbel, Priest NO MASS

Friday, July 25 - Saint James, Apostle

8:00 a.m. †Deceased Members of DOM
By: Daughters Of Mary

Saturday, July 26 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Lois Maldonado (Healing)
By: Elizabeth Campbell
and
The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 27— SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. Caroline Modrzynski
By: Felix & Jean Skalski

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 27

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: 138:1-2,2-3,6-7,7-8

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GARAGE SALE

Thursday, July 31st and

Friday, August 1st

We welcome any donations to help support our organization.

No clothes please.

Deliveries to the pavilion can be made the week of the sale. If assistance is needed, for larger items, please call: Larry Larsh 269-257-0259



Happy Birthday to Roger Komrska
who is celebrating his 89th birthday
on July 23rd.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Anne Riopel
Lector: Nancy Schopf
Ministers: *Pat Larkins, Bob Modaff, Carol Falborski

Sunday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Nancy Schopf
Lector: Tom Springer
Ministers: *Diane Springer, Sarah Mercer, Nancy Schopf
 Mary Koole, Marilyn Cheney

IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 7/13/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (6)	\$ 3,817.52	\$23,238.71
Online Collection (0)	\$ 0.00	\$1,335.00
Holy Days (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 546.00	\$ 2,089.11
Mass Stipend	\$ 200.00	\$210.00
Utility Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,563.52	\$ 26,962.82
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 18,051.00
Over/Under	\$ (1,453.48)	\$ 8,911.82

Income not included in weekly needs:

School Tuition Assistance	\$220.00
Peter's Pence	\$1.00
Capital Improvement	\$30.00
Pass Through Income	\$3,000.00

Bishop Annual Appeal– Continuing Our Mission

A sincere thank you to all who have made their pledge! Your generous gift helps bring Christ to people and people to Christ in countless ways.

The Bishop's office has done a follow up mailing to those who not yet responded, providing a simple and convenient way to make a pledge.

We are moving closer to our parish goal, but we need your support to reach it! Your participation makes all the difference—please prayerfully consider joining this vital effort. No Pledge is too small or too large!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF JULY 13, 2025

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>PLEGGED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
\$ 52,499	\$ 38,103.50	\$ 14,395.50

Dear Parishioners,

While, I am on pilgrimage in Spain, I will be sharing some special memories from our school year at Immaculate Conception.

Mientras estoy de peregrinación en España, compartiré algunos recuerdos especiales de nuestro año escolar en la Inmaculada Concepción.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO
Serve
 IN DIACONAL MINISTRY?



*"Whoever serves me
 must follow me;
 and where I am
 my servant also will be"*
 - John 12:26



DIocese of Kalamazoo
 OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE
 PHONE: 269-349-8714 ext. 1239
 EMAIL: DIACONFORMATION@DIOKZOO.ORG
 *APPLICATIONS DUE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Effective immediately, the Diocese of Kalamazoo will begin receiving applications for candidates to enroll in the inquiry phase of diaconal formation. Additional information including the timelines, standards, requirements and applications can be found on the diocesan website at www.diokzoo.org/deaconformation. Informational meetings will be scheduled in each Deanery during August, with applications due by September 15.



Thank you to the St. Clare Men's Club for another wonderful monthly fundraising breakfast! It was delicious! We had French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, and oatmeal with all the fixings! We really appreciate all your hard work!!

St. Clare Parish Picnic! August 10th

Meet at the church at 12:30 p.m. We will begin eating at 1:00 p.m. Meat and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish, salad or dessert. We hope you will all consider joining us and sharing fun times together and great food. Bring a lawn chair if the weather is good, and a lawn game if you have one. If any questions call Ron Holben 517-290-0547 or Phyllis Nusbbaum 269-358-8299.



We all would like to congratulate Elizabeth (Liz) Campbell of St. Clare who has been named "Citizen of the Year" for Centreville for 2025! She was honored this weekend in the Covered Bridge Days parade. This award was well deserved for all she had done for the community and especially her DAR commitment to repairing and beautifying an old cemetery in downtown Centreville (with help from St. Clare's Sharie and Ron Holben, also) We are so proud of you and all you do for our church and community!

Invitation to the Celebration of his 25
years priestly ordination
Silver Jubilee

**Rev. Fr.
Lawrence C.
Ejiofo**

Venue:
St. Jerome's Catholic Church,
229 Collier Avenue,
Battle Creek, Michigan

Date: Sunday August 31st, 2025
Mass: 2pm

RSVP, Reply by August 5th

ST. CLARE CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY -July 20 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. †The People of our Parish
and
†John Miskowski
By: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

TUESDAY - July 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

6:00 p.m. †Joe Belshaw
By: Wife, Mary Ann

SUNDAY -July 27 SEVENTENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Mary Dolan Luxon
By: Sherry & Ken Roberts

Lector: Sam Shirley
Minister: Sam Shirley, Celeste Nemeth, Lou Scohy
Altar Server: Volunteer
Ushers: John Luxon & Gary Metz
Coffee Crew: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

SC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 7/13/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (20)	\$980.00	\$ 3,429.00
Online Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 162.00	\$ 910.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Utility Fund	\$ 21.00	\$ 141.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 1,243.00	\$ 4,560.00
Weekly Need	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 3,972.00
Over/Under	\$(198.00)	\$ 588.00

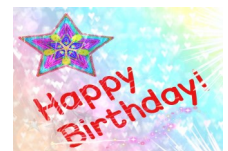
Income not included in weekly needs:

Capital Improvement/Building Fund Phase II\$450.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! July 21- July 27

Keith Kalinoski
Savanna Crouch
Roxana Howe
Mark Brost
Bridgett Cheney

George Butler
Benjamin Gonzalez
Julianna Collins
Roger Komrska



Don't forget to follow us at the website listed. We are praying for all of you!

No olviden seguirnos en la página web. Oramos por todos ustedes. <https://www.on-our-way-with-a-purpose.com/>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 645 S. DOUGLAS AVE., THREE RIVERS, MI

St. Clare Mission Parish
23126 M-86
Centreville, MI 49032

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN SPECIAL NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Dear Heavenly Father, in Jesus' name, we ask for healing and health for those on our prayer list. Please bless them and meet all of their needs. Amen.

Mark Brost
Terry Collins
Ben Doering
Roger Doering
John Gavin
Harry Gruber
Anastasia Gutierrez
Laurie Highfield
Al Jewett
Shonna Kazor
Greg King
Emma Klett
Cassandra Lems
Greg Mecham
Nora Middleton
Frank
Felipe
Mary Reck

Blanca Rubi
Charity Schaefer
Jared Vidal Rubi
Raul Vidal Rubi
Marlene Schultz
Mike Stumpf
Michael Tison
Craig Vaughn
Todd Ziehm
Vincent Zoski
Andreanne
Jim Larson
Nicki Holten
Michael Didelot
Sharon Jacobs
Tim Zebell

Karen Szwaja
Mark Stevens
Jill Sebo
Roger & Theresa
Komska
Connie Shoemaker
Shirlene Koth



Welcome To Our Parishes

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church office:
645 S. Douglas, Three Rivers, MI 49093

Name _____
Address _____
City/Zip _____
Phone _____

Please circle one: IC Church St. Clare

- ☐ I would like to enroll as an active member.
☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
☐ I would like to learn more about school/parish activities.
☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.
☐ I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited: _____
☐ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

ROBERT J. DUTKA
ATTORNEY AT LAW

REAL ESTATE . BANKRUPTCY . PROBATE & WILLS
WWW.DUTKALAW.COM (269)273-8402
57635 N. MAIN, THREE RIVERS

Parishes & School Information

Rectory Office

Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper & Bulletin Editor – Raquel Arias
M,T,W,F 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. • Office closed on Thursdays
Telephone: 273-8953 E-mail: icchurchtr@outlook.com
Bulletin Deadline Monday at noon.

Mass times: Saturday 4:00 pm at Immaculate Conception

Sunday 8:30 am at St. Clare
Sunday 10:30 am at Immaculate Conception
Monday, 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 6:00 pm at Immaculate Conception
Wednesday & Friday, 8:00 am at Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm first Friday of every month.
Sacrament of Penance: 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. Saturday and by request.
Sacrament of Baptism: contact the Parish Office at 273-8953.
Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the sick: Please contact the office.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PARISHES

Knights of Columbus #4141: Brian Johnson - 269-718-3883
Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, church hall

Daughters of Mary: Nancy Schopf - 718-9218
Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., church hall

St. Clare Ladies' Guild: Phyllis Nusbaum, President - 269-358-8299
Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

St. Clare Men's Club: Ron Holben, President - 517-290-0547

Collaborative Evangelization Committee: Marie Koole - 506-3636
Meeting times are flexible

Permanent Deacon - Dennis Cristofaro 708-446-8244
d.cristofaro@att.net

Music Director -
Director of Religious Ed. - Mark Voegel 269-816-4466
High School Youth Ministry -
RCIA - Mark & Mary Brost 269-251-6392

MINISTRIES OF THE PARISHES

Sacristans, Lectors, Ministers Holy Communion: Jean Heins 412-480-9129

Altar Servers: Dcn. Dennis Cristofaro, 708-446-8244

Ushers: Mike Sebo, 269-492-5754

Homebound/Nursing Home Visitors: Rectory Office, 273-8953

Jail Ministry: Tom Springer, 273-4702 or 269-816-4965

Art & Environment of the Church: Mary Sorensen, 278-5275

SC Prayer Shawl Ministry: Celeste Nemeth, 467-1869

IC Prayer Shawl Ministry: Nancy Schopf, 718-9218

IC Prayer Chain: Call the Rectory to add someone to the prayer chain.

IC Help: Call the Rectory to donate or for help. 273-8953

BOARD CHAIRPERSONS

IC PARISH COUNCIL - LARRY LARSH 244-4547

SC PARISH COUNCIL - PETER RAMBADT 503-0825

IC FINANCE COUNCIL - SARAH MERCER 273-2228

SC FINANCE COUNCIL - JOHN LARIMER 625-6498

IC SCHOOL COMMISSION - BOB MODAFF 506-4041

OUR MISSION

Together with our community,
We provide a Christ-centered Education to:

- Build Faith based on the truths of the Catholic Church
- Develop Knowledge for becoming productive citizens
- Practice Christian Service as Jesus taught

Thereby allowing each student to flourish and
become the Child of God they were created to be.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

Juntos con nuestra comunidad,
Proveemos una educación centrada en Cristo para:

- Fomentar la Fe basada en las verdades de la Iglesia Católica
- Desarrollar el Conocimiento para ser ciudadanos productivos
- Practicar el Servicio Cristiano como nos enseñó Jesús

Permitiendo así que cada estudiante florezca y se
convierta en el Hijo de Dios creado para serlo.

Immaculate Conception School (PK-8th)

Principal - Sharon Voegel
Website: www.iccatholicschool.com 269-273-2085