

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
St. Clare Catholic Church
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Jesus said
to his disciples:**

**“I have come to
set the earth on fire,
and how I wish
it were already
blazing!”**

Luke 12:49

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Rectory 273-8953

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus knew that the road of faith was not easy. He knew that choosing faith would sometimes cause division and conflict within our families and our communities.

However, when we choose the road of faith, new possibilities open up for us too. During this Jubilee year of hope in 2025, the Lord calls us to find hope on our own journey and to bring that hope to others

Many of the faithful are going on pilgrimage on this Jubilee year as a sign of faith and hope. In the midst of the conflicts and obstacles we face on our road of faith, may we ask for the Lord's blessing to be able to be steadfast and persevere.

I will be making my annual retreat with my brother Priests of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat Center, Dallas, TX this week starting August 18, 2025, to August 22, 2025. Please keep us in your prayers.

The weekday Masses from Monday through Friday are cancelled.

Have a blessed week and Praised be Jesus Christ!

Fr. Arul Lazar

Fr. Arul Installation

Bishop was wonderful! Very nice tonight



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Larry Broker
By: Mitch, Mike & Jill Sebo

Sunday, August 17 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. †Marilyn Grodecki (birthday)
By: Marie Koole

Monday, August 18 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, August 19 - Weekday

6:00 p.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot

8:00 a.m. †NO MASS

Thursday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

NO MASS

Friday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, August 23 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Silvester & †Joanne Kosinski
By: Mark & Mary Brost

Sunday, August 24 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. †Raymond & †Donna Schmidt
and
†Andrew Keber
By: Matthew & Therese Veldman

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Responsorial Psalm: 117:1, 2

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: John 14:6

Happy Birthday to Elaine Nedrich who is celebrating her 87th birthday on August 19th.



Bible Study

Friday morning Bible Study will resume on September 19th in the Immaculate Conception basement. We will be studying the Prophets Ezekiel and Daniel, who deal with a people living in captivity and persecution. In the face of confusion and suffering— with God's instance— they speak with courage and give hope and truth to the nations and generations. Please sign up on the sheet in the carpenter entrance if you plan to join us.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Anne Riopel
Lector: Lisa Gruber
Ministers: *Susan Studabaker, Bob Modaff, Pat Larkins

Sunday, August 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Larry Larsh
Lector: Jeff Springer
Ministers: *Mark Voegel, Marilyn Cheney, Mary Ann Carra Sharon Voegel

Dear Parishioners,
 The best partnership Immaculate Conception Parish has to offer families in forming children in faith is our Catholic School. We offer three year old preschool thru eighth grade. There is still time to enroll for the 2025-26 academic year. Contact the school office at 269-273-2085 for more information or visit our website at www.iccatholicschool.com.



IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/10/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (71)	\$ 3,130.74	\$44,317.19
Online Collection (0)	\$.00	\$2,670.00
Holy Days (1) Assumption	\$ 20.00	\$ 45.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 847.00	\$ 4,937.32
Mass Stipend	\$ 60.00	\$750.00
Utility Fund	\$ 65.00	\$ 412.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 4,122.74	\$ 53,221.51
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 42,119.00
Over/Under	\$ (1,894.26)	\$ 11,102.51

Income not included in weekly needs:

Votive Lights..... \$20.00

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will have Sept 8 & 9 available for anyone who missed the earlier dates for the church directory. Times will be 2:00-8:00 pm both days. Sign up sheets at the carport entrance. Come and get a free family photo by participating.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! Aug.19– Aug. 24

Calvin Harshberger Elizabeth Gonzalez
 Elaine Nedrich Isabela Gonzalez
 Mark Czajka
 Donald Falborski



I.C. COMMUNITY SOUP POT
 Tuesday the 19th.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF AUGUST 10, 2025

GOAL	PLEDGED	BALANCE DUE
\$ 52,499	\$ 38,103.50	\$ 8,840.50

La mejor colaboración que la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción puede ofrecer a las familias para formar a sus hijos en la fe es nuestra Escuela Católica. Ofrecemos educación preescolar para niños de tres años hasta octavo grado. Aún hay tiempo para inscribirse para el año académico 2025-26. Para más información, comuníquese con la secretaria de la

Immaculate Conception School in Three Rivers has an opening for a combination secretary and playground supervisor. The position is art-time 25-30 hrs. per week. Contact the principal Sharon Voegel for more information.
 269-273-2085 principal@iccatholicschool.com

Baptismal Prep

If you are preparing to have your child Baptized you are required to take our Baptismal prep class. The next class will be offered on September 19th. Please call or email the office to register!

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.

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!

St. Clare Parish Council

There are two openings on the St. Clare Parish Council. Please pray fully consider this opportunity to serve. Call the rector office if you are interested or with questions.

St. Clare new council will be form on Tuesday Sept 2nd after 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Rosary Rally at Notre Dame - September 7, 2025

A historic Rosary Rally bringing together thousands to pray for hope, healing, and unity in families and the world will take place **Sunday, September 7, 2025 at 1:30PM** at the University of Notre Dame outside Bond Hall.

This event is inspired by the monumental Rosary Rally held 75 years ago at Notre Dame, led by the legendary "Rosary Priest," Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.

Organized by Holy Cross Family Ministries, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and the University of Notre Dame, participants will include families, students, clergy, and faithful from across the nation.

In a world grappling with division and uncertainty, this rally seeks to revive the powerful tradition of family prayer, echoing Father Peyton's timeless message: *"The family that prays together stays together."*

Click on the button below to visit the Rosary Rally website and to subscribe for updates to the Rally and 25 days of Rosary Reflections

If you are interested in going meet at 11:45 at IC or SC parking lot to carpool or caravan. Any questions contact Mary Collins



Our church picnic was held in doors because of the excessive heat, but was enjoyed by all! Thank you to everyone who put their time and effort into making a great meal and a fun time last Sunday!

ST. CLARE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - August 17 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. †Joann Larimer
By: Liz Campbell
and
The People of the Parishes

TUESDAY - August 19 Weekday

6:00 p.m. NO MASS

SUNDAY -August 24 TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. †Glenna Happel
By: Charlie & Katie Davidson

Lector: Mary Collins
Ministers: Lou Scohy, Celeste Nemeth, Volunteer
Altar Server: Beth Collins
Ushers: Dennis Nemeth & Teena Kuhl
Coffee Crew: Barb & John Luxon

SC PARISH SUPPORT**Week of 8/10/25****YTD****Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026**

Sunday Collection (14)	\$600.00	\$ 6,189.00
Online Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Days	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 468.00	\$ 2,402.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Utility Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 141.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Offortory	\$ 1,068.00	\$ 8,852.00
Weekly Need	<u>\$ 1,324.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,268.00</u>
Over/Under	\$(256.00)	\$ (416.00)

Income not included in weekly needs:

Capital Improvement/Building Fund Phase II\$100.00

**WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND PLANNED FOR OCTOBER 16-19**

This 3 day "short course" in Christianity, with Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and presentations by Clergy and Laity is perfect to energize your spirituality. Join us and be a pilgrim of hope.

Women's Cursillo Weekend

October 16-19, 2025 – Women's #80 Cursillo weekend, Amigo Center Sturgis.

Informational flyers and forms are available:

<https://kalamazooocursillo.com/forms>

Questions? For more information contact **Amy Hackman**, Pre Cursillo Coordinator
269-625-1512, ahackman85@yahoo.com

Or Marie Koole 269-506-3636, mariekoole@yahoo.com

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

St. Clare Mission Parish
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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

Sharon Jacobs

Tim Zebell

Karen Szwaja

Mark Stevens

Jill Sebo

Roger & Theresa

Komrska

Connie Shoemaker

Shirlene Koth

Joseph Tobon

Sheyla Perez Miranda



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

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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