

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church St. Clare Catholic Church

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,
do not recline at table in the place of honor.
A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him..."

Luke 14:8



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Dear Friends,

On this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to reflect on one of the most important Christian virtues, which is humility. The understanding we gain from the readings extends beyond the traditional view of humility as simply modesty or politeness. In fact, it is the very heart of the Gospel and a defining characteristic of God Himself. Today, we are reminded that true greatness lies not in exalting ourselves, but in lowering ourselves in love and service of others.

In the Gospel, Jesus is at a dinner party. Everyone's watching him, and then, in a bold and compassionate act, he heals a sick man, right in front of them. Jesus narrates a parable and teaches humility by advising guests to take the lowest place at a wedding banquet. This is more than good manners. Jesus is teaching us about the heart of God. He's not giving us an etiquette lesson. He is demonstrating how God's kingdom functions. In God's banquet, the proud are demoted to the sidelines, and the humble are welcomed. Humility is not about perceiving ourselves as inferior. Rather, it's about acknowledging our imperfections and embracing the love that surrounds us.

Sometimes, we come to God limping — poor in spirit, broken in body and mind, feeling we do not belong. But God surprises us. He invites us to the table in ways we cannot expect or imagine, just as we are. Let us pause to ponder what our lives could be like if we lived that way. What if we stopped trying to earn God's love and simply accepted it? What if we believed that our weakness isn't a barrier, but a channel through which God's grace and goodness can flow?

This weekend we commemorate Labor Day. When I came to US in 2017, I was told that Labor Day always marked the end of the summer and the beginning of the new school year. With school starting earlier now for much of the country, this weekend no longer has this same meaning. Our Catholic faith teaches us about the rights and dignity of the worker and of human work, so Labor Day retains a great significance in our faith. We pray for all workers this weekend. We also pray for those who are unemployed and those who are looking for new work.

Prayer for Labor Day

On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in the factories and the offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work. We pray that our efforts may always be pure of heart, for the good of others, and for the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those who are now retired always remember that they still make a valuable contribution to our Church and to our world through prayers and through works of service and charity.

May our working and our resting give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom as you live and reign - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Wishing everyone a blessed Labor Day.

Fr. Arul Lazar

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. The People in our Parish

Sunday, August 31 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. †Frank Granzotto
By: Francis Granzotto

Monday, September 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Betty Sarhatt
By: Joseph Nowicki

Tuesday, September 2 - Weekday

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Clare

Wednesday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

8:00 a.m. †Albert Sebo
By: Mike & Jill Sebo

Thursday, September 4 - Weekday

NO MASS

Friday, September 5 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. †Fred Weyland
By: Daughter & family

Saturday, September 6 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Gloria Schustert
By: Stephanie Galovich

Sunday, September 7 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 a.m. The People in Our Parish
and
†Bill & †Dee Springer
By: Jeff & Diane Springer

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18 b

Responsorial Psalm: 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Happy Birthday to Sherry Stevenson
who is celebrating her 85th birthday
on September 7th.



Happy Birthday to Bob Larkins who is
celebrating his 81st birthday on
September 1st.

Confirmation

Attention; all students wishing to be confirmed in 2026, classes will begin on Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception School. Parents are required to attend the first class.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Baker

Lector: Anne Riopel

Ministers: *Mary Sorensen, Jean Heins, Michael Heins

Sunday, September 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Francis Granzotto

Lector: Roger Doering

Ministers: *Marilyn Cheney, Marie Koole, Sarah Mercer
Diane Springer, Mary Ann Carra

WELCOME BACK!

The first day of school brought old friends back together and some new faces.

There is still room for your children. Try us free for a semester and experience the difference. Contact the IC school office to enroll at 269-273-2085



IC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/24/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (71)	\$ 4,175.82	\$52,444.49
Online Collection (8)	\$1,335.00	\$4,005.00
Holy Days (8) Assumption	\$115.00	\$ 1,319.50
Visitors/Loose	\$ 548.00	\$ 6,099.42
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$890.00
Utility Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 482.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.00
Total Offertory	\$ 6,223.82	\$ 65,330.41
Weekly Need	\$ 6,017.00	\$ 54,153.00
Over/Under	\$ 206.82	\$ 11,177.41

Income not included in weekly needs:

Votive Lights	\$41.00
School Tuition Assistance	\$10.00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Adoration will be
September 5th, 8:30 am - 6 pm
Sign up sheet is in the
carport entrance.

The Church office will be closed Monday,
September 1st in observance of Labor Day!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF AUGUST 24, 2025

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>PLEDGED</u>	<u>BALANCE DUE</u>
\$ 52,499	\$ 44,158.50	\$ 8,340.50

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!

BIENVENIDOS DE NUEVO!

El primer día de clases reunió a viejos amigos y a algunas caras nuevas. ¡Aún hay lugar para tus hijos! Pruébanos gratis durante un semestre y experimenta la diferencia.

Contáctanos a la oficina de la Escuela Inmaculada Concepción para inscripción al 269-273-2085



Immaculate Conception School answered Pope Leo's invitation for a day of prayer and fasting on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. Students and staff gathered in the Mary garden to pray the glorious mysteries of the rosary for world peace.

El Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepción respondió a la invitación del Papa León XIII para un día de oración y ayuno en la festividad de la Realeza de María. Alumnos y personal se reunieron en el Jardín de María para rezar los gloriosos misterios del rosario por la paz



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@ic Catholicschool.com

A Rosary Rally will be held at the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, September 7, at 1:30 in the afternoon to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Venerable Patrick Peyton's first Rosary Rally there. The event will take place on the Bond Hall Quad. If you are interested in carpooling or caravanning to the event with others from the parish, meet at the parish parking lot on Sunday, September 7th, at 11:45 am

Mass at the Fair

St Clare's will be celebrating Mass at 12:15 pm at the Fair, Sunday, September 14th, in the Community Tent. Please join us and bring your friends and family

Our **first class is Sunday, September 7th**, where we'll be learning about the Blessed Mother Mary and celebrating her Birthday.



Our religious education and sacramental preparation classes are looking for 8 adults who would be willing to sign up to help assist in the classroom with supervision, preparation, and set up for just 2 classes during the year. Volunteers can pick any 2 classes being offered September through May. The total time commitment for the year would be just 4 to 6 hours -- approximately 2-3 hours for each class. See the sign up sheet in the back of church for the dates on which helpers are needed.

Parents of preschoolers: Mark your calendars. This year, we'll be having a short children's catechism and craft time approximately once a month after Mass at St Clare's. See the poster in the back of church for the schedule. Our first class is Sunday, September 7th, where we'll be learning about the Blessed Mother Mary and celebrating her Birthday.

Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come

Perhaps no book in the Bible fascinates people more than Revelation. Yet relatively few people have studied the book, especially from a Catholic perspective. *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* is an intriguing Bible study that shows how the kingdom established by Christ in this Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven. Immaculate Conception Parish will begin an eleven-week Bible study ***Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come*** on Tuesday evenings beginning on September 16th. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Michael Heins at 412-779-4537 and michaelheins@gmail.com. In this intriguing look at one of the most talked-about books in Scripture, Jeff Cavins explores Revelation to demonstrate how the kingdom established by Christ in his Church is intimately connected with the kingdom of heaven, especially through the celebration of the Mass. You will learn what all the mysterious figures and images of Revelation present, as well as what will happen during the Second Coming of Christ, what has already happened, and what is happening now in salvation history.



ST. CLARE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY -August 31 TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. †Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus
By: Nights of Columbus

TUESDAY - September 2 Weekday

6:00 p.m. †Pat Wragg
By: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

SUNDAY -September 7 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. †Joseph & † Stella Dutka
By: Robert & Charlene Dutka

Lector: Sam Shirley

Ministers: Sam Shirley, Lou Scohy, Phyllis, Alice D.

Altar Server: Hope Collins

Ushers: Dennis Nemeth & John Luxon

Coffee Crew: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth

SC PARISH SUPPORT

Week of 8/24/25

YTD

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025– June 30, 2026

Sunday Collection (16)	\$620.00	\$ 7,290.00
Online Collection	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Days	\$ 1.00	\$ 254.00
Visitors/Loose	\$ 368.00	\$ 3,096.00
Mass Stipend	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Utility Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 141.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Offertory	\$ 989.00	\$ 10,901.00
Weekly Need	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 11,916.00
Over/Under	\$ (335.00)	\$ (1,015.00)

Income not included in weekly needs:

Votive Lights..... \$53.75

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! Sep. 1– Sep. 7

Barbara Johnston
Nicole Larimer-Gill
Arien Coburn
Bob Larkins
Brandi Gieber
Marie Koole

Diamond Vidal-Rubi
Ronald Malovey
Chelley Thelen
Benjamin Castro
Erica Gonzalez
Nancy Springer



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**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
 Sharon Jacobs
 Tim Zebell
 Karen Szwaja
 Mark Stevens

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:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM

KNIGHTS MEET THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH
 LARRY LARSH 244-4547

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

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,
 Proveyemos 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)

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