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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

On this last day of November, right after celebrating Thanksgiving, we start the season of Advent. These holy days of preparation help us prepare for the arrival of our Lord at Christmas.

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to “get in touch with ourselves.” It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite “out of touch” with what is going on in our very own hearts. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season - with all of the expectations and challenges of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts.

As adults, we have to ask ourselves: “What is it I long for now?” The answer won’t come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

Wishing you all a joy-filled season of Advent.

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

In Christ

Fr. Arul

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. People in Our Parish

Sunday, November 30 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m. †Deceased Members Of Knights of Columbus
By: Knights of Columbus

Monday, December 1 - Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Mike Didelot
By: M. J. Murieetti

Tuesday, December 2 - Advent Weekday

7:30 p.m. Sp †M Jane & Albert Sebo
By: Mike & Jill Sebo
and
†Maria Luz Ayala (2nd Anniversario)

Wednesday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Beckman
By: Mike & Terri Graham

Thursday, December 4 - Weekday NO MASS

Friday, December 5—Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Genaro Rubi
By: Raul & Karina Vidal-Rubi

Saturday, December 6 - Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. †Dorothy Kruegar
Veronica Falborski

Sunday, December 7 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 a.m. †Donald Carra
By: Paul Carra

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 14

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Mathew 3: 1-12

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH,

5:30 PM at Immaculate Conception

We will have 5 Priests available to hear confessions.
Spanish available

Join us for a Parish celebration Dec 7th, the Feast of Immaculate Conception in the Church Hall immediately following after Mass.



There will not be a Mass Monday morning Dec 8th at IC.

There will be a Mass Monday Dec 8th at SC 6:00 p.m.

There will not be a Mass Tuesday Dec 9th at SC

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION LECTORS, SERVERS AND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

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

Sacristan: Carol Falborski
Lector: Michael Heins
Body of Christ: Carol Falborski
Blood of Christ: Jean Heins, Pat Larkins

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

Sacristan: Francis Granzotto
Lector: Sharon Voegel/Jazmin Rubi-Vidal
Body of Christ: Francis Granzotto
Blood of Christ: Mark Voegel, Diane Springer, Pixie Ziehm
 Sherry Butler

Due to the early submission of this week's bulletin, totals for November 23rd will be reported next week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Adoration will be January 2nd, 9:00 am - 6 pm Sign up sheet is in the carport entrance.

IC BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

AS OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

GOAL	PLEDGED	BALANCE DUE
\$ 52,499	\$ 45,558.50	\$ 6,940.50

ALL SOULS CANDLESS

After Mass please take home your all souls candles

SECRET ANGELS PROJECT REMINDER

It is an exciting time of the year for all us with Christmas just around the corner. Our Secret Angel Project has begun and there are Angel Gift Tags on the Secret Angel Wall. Please consider taking an Angel tag to help us provide a gift for someone to make this a special Christmas for them. Please return your Secret Angel gift with the tag attached By Sunday, December 14. We can use lots of hands to help in sorting and packing food and gifts that day, please contact Sherry Butler at 616-334-3262 or 269-273-2155 or just join us. Please leave food donations in the boxes in the church entrance. If you missed our flyer insert in the bulletin, there are extras pm the table in the church entrance.

Thank you for assisting us in making this Christmas very special for others who may need a little extra help to provide for themselves and/ or their



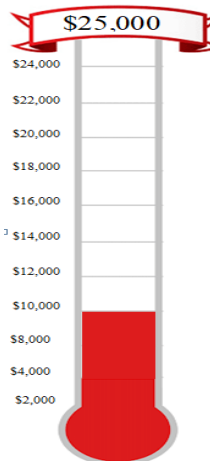
From the Principal...

GIVING TUESDAY is DECEMBER 2nd EI MARTES DE DONACIONES es el 2 DE DICIEMBRE



Please join us in support of the annual fund for Immaculate Conception Catholic School.

Help us preserve this legacy of faith.
 Les invitamos a apoyar la campaña anual de recaudación de fondos para la Escuela Católica de la Inmaculada Concepción.
 Ayúdenos a preservar este legado de fe.



Now is the time to donate to the annual fund and double your contribution using the matching gift. That means if you pledge \$100 an additional \$100 is donated to the Trust Fund.

Thank you for your support!
 Todavía hay tiempo para donar al fondo anual y duplicar su contribución utilizando la donación equivalente. Eso significa que si usted promete \$100, se donarán \$100 adicionales al Fondo Fiduciario.

¡Gracias por su apoyo!

HONORING VETERANS!

IC students gave a salute to veterans at Optalis nursing facility for their contributions. They sang and delivered handmade cards in honor of those who served.



¡HONORANDO A LOS VETERANOS!

Los estudiantes del IC rindieron homenaje a los veteranos del centro de enfermería Optalis por sus contribuciones. Cantaron y entregaron tarjetas hechas a mano en honor a quienes sirvieron.



See all the photos at facebook.com/iccschooltr
 Ver todas las fotos en facebook.com/iccschooltr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PARISHIONERS! Dec. 1 - Dec. 7

Jennifer Graber
 Julissa Barreda Magno
 Rosa Muñoz Duran
 Jim Highfield
 Sherrie Nowicki
 Betsy Rambadt



CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Clare held their 4th Annual Thanksgiving Basket drawing Sunday, Nov. 23rd, after Mass. A special thank you to Barb Johnston and Mj Pinney for coordinating the Fundraiser again this year. Also, thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets with the profit of \$2200 going towards the addition of our new Church Hall!



CONGRATULATIONS to the following ticket winners:

- 1st Place-Basket worth over \$300: Beth Chartrand
- 2nd Place-\$50 Meijer gift card: Irene Goodlow
- 3rd Place-\$30 Meijer gift card: Lisa Johnson
- 4th Place-\$25 Meijer gift card: John Luxon
- 5th Place-\$20 Meijer gift card: Kathy Shumway

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service (CBAR)** has been established to receive reports of sexual abuse and related misconduct by bishops and to relay **those** reports to proper Church authorities for investigation. To make a report, visit ReportBishopAbuse.org or phone (800) 276-1562. When a report includes a crime, such as the sexual abuse of a minor, it will also be reported to civil authorities. Otherwise, reports will be kept confidential.

ST. CLARE CHURCH

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY - November 30

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

TUESDAY - December 2

6:00 p.m. †Steve Campbell
By: Gary Metz

SUNDAY - December 7

8:30 a.m. †Barbara Cristofaro
By: Phil & Phyllis Nusbaum

Lector: Janet Sehy
Ministers: Dennis & Celeste Nemeth, Janeth Sehy
Altar Server: Beth Collins
Ushers: Dennis Nemeth & Mike Collins
Coffee Crew: Sherry Roberts & Betsy Rambadt

ST. CLARE LADIES GUILD

The St. Clare Women's Guild has been sponsoring a small struggling Christian Community on the edge of Bogota Colombia

They have no wells in their town! So no access to running water! Water is trucked in. There are not many job opportunities so the community does struggle. An organization called Project Hope Ministries has a community center where they help care for and educate children while their parents are working or looking for work.

Every November there is an opportunity to help through the 143 Campaign. The name stems from the Bible verse, Hosea 14:3; "In you the fatherless find compassion". The way the campaign works is, you pick a number from 1 to 143 and donate that amount of money to help Project Hope "Show mercy and compassion to the People near Bogota." Your dollars will help buy water, food and support the Student Center run by Project Hope.

Cash or checks are fine. If any questions call Mary Collins or Phyllis Nusbaum.

Live Nativity

St. Clare is hosting the live nativity during Christmas in Centreville on Saturday December 6th, 4-7 p.m.

It's a wonderful way to share Christ with others. We could still use a little more help as a nativity figure and some donations of cookies and hot chocolate for the snack table.

If you're able to give us an hour or two or make a donation please call Betsy at 269-358-8299

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

Mark Brost
Roger Doering
John Gavin
Harry Gruber
Anastasia Gutierrez
Laurie Highfield
Sharon Jacobs
Shonna Kazor
Greg King
Emma Klett
Mark Larimer
Cassandra Lems
Greg Mecham
Nora Middleton
Evan Nemeth
Mary Reck
Charity Schaefer
Jared Vidal Rubi

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.

Raul Vidal Rubi
Marlene Schultz
Mike Stumpf
Michael Tison
Craig Vaughn
Todd Ziehm
Vincent Zoski
Andreanne
Frank
Felipe
Jim & Mary Larson
Tim Zebell
Roger & Theresa K.
Connie Shoemaker
Shirlene Koth
Joseph Tobon



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:

JOE SKINNER

LOCALLY OWNED
269-279-6097

THREE RIVERS, MICHIGAN 49093

Parishes & School Information

Rectory Office

Administrative Assistant & Bulletin Editor – Raquel Arias
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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, 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 6:00 pm at St. Clare
Wednesday & Friday, 8:30 am at Immaculate Conception

Eucharistic Adoration: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm first Friday of every month.
Sacrament of Penance: 3:00 - 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
KOC/4th degree Assembly 500 meets the 1st Tuesday of the month
Daughters of Mary: Nancy Schopf - 718-9218
Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 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

Immaculate Conception School (PK-8th)

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

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

Music Director -
Director of Religious Ed. - Mark Voege 269-816-4466
High School Youth Ministry -
OCIA - 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, 858-3730
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.