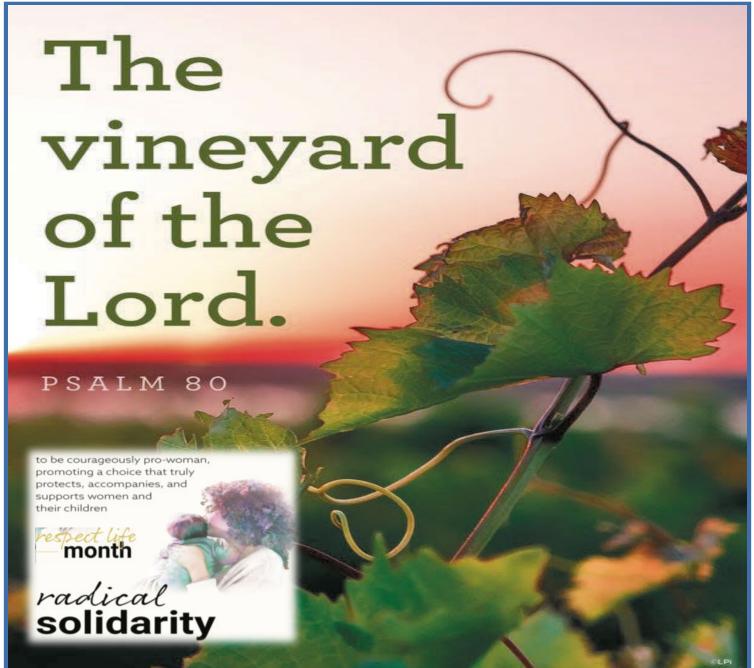


October 8, 2023 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH, A CARING AND SHARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Hours: Weekdays 9:00AM to 4:00PM

# SCHOOL OFFICE

Hours: Weekdays 7:30AM-3:30PM

#### Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish community of Immaculate Conception Church, have as our mission to unite all of our members in God's Name to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We share our gifts through worship, education, fellowship, and community outreach, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Mary Immaculate.



#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

#### OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR VISITS TO LIGHT A CANDLE OR PRAY DAILY FROM 6:30AM - 7:00PM

#### CLERGY

Rev. Keith M. Cervine Pastor

Rev. Edgar Madarang Parochial Vicar

Deacon Joseph Campbell Deacon Michael Martini

Deacon Mark van Duynhoven

(Retired) Deacon William Bauer

#### **BUSINESS OFFICE STAFF**

Michael Szalecki Business Administrator Laura Vitelli Pastoral Associate Parish Advancement

> Cemetery Director Parish Secretary

Coleen Donaher Melissa Lagun Financial Manager Administrative Assistant Mary Hegarty

#### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parish Catechetical Leader Coleen D'Amato Jennifer Senkowski Assistant Director Maryann Procopio Administrative Assistant

#### SCHOOL STAFF

Constance Fortunato Principal

Maria Casserly Office Administration Bill Bukowski Maintenance



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH IN HONOR OF COLUMBUS DAY There is also no 7 AM Daily Mass

that day, only 9 AM.

#### PRIEST CONVOCATION THIS WEEK: OCT. 10 -12

The Diocese is having their annual Priest Convocation this week so



both Fr. Keith and Fr. Edgar will be away. There will be Communion services in lieu of Masses on Wednesday and Thursday. All priests of the Diocese are encouraged to attend, so Masses within the Diocese will be sparce for those two days, Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR is covering us for emergencies, so call the Parish Office.

#### OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing His hour of suffering has come. After His betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries His cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as He is crucified (5).

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Fr Edgar Madarang 735-7319

#### Parish Ministries & Organizations

(IF NOT LISTED AREA CODE IS 908) Social Concorne/Service Ministries

Social Concerns/Service Ministries			Spiritual Growth Millistries			
Altar Rosary	Lori Dwyer	812-8807	Bible Study Coor.	Marianne Tasy	730-0722	
Bereavement	Diane Eisenhart 8	347-3065	Parish Book Club	Carole Curcio	310-3886	
Ministry	Bob Zappulla	268-7360	Pre-Cana	TBD	735-7319	
Cub Scouts No	ora Burke Klippstein	735-9520	Men's Cornerstone	Michael Wellons	246-3241	
Food Pantry	Peggy Smith	730-7101	Men's Journey	Michael Szalecki	268-6732	
Girl Scouts	Toni Rice	732-570-5940	R.C.I.A.	Deacon Mark	735-7319	
Haiti Project	Deac. Bill	610-248-7131	Stepping Stones	Mary Ellen Berg	892-4332	
<b>Employment Circ</b>	de Michael Szalecki	268-6732	Teen Ministry	Anita Weingart	735-7319	
Prayer Shawl	Mary Hegarty	399-8514	Thurs. Scripture Sha	r.Ed Reitter	268-9671	
Pro-Life Committ	tee <i>Tricia Daly</i>	328-1268	Women's Cornerston	e Kathy Meyer-Crane	303-2856	
Sanctuary Guild Barbara Sullivan		236-6080	Liturgical Ministries			

#### Community Development

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SCRIP/Gift Cards	Christine Benson	735-6334	Lectors	Gail Baumann	845-283-1087
ICS Home & School	Jessica Eisenhart	735-7319	Eucharistic Minister	Ed Reitter	268-9671
Knights of Columbus	Brian Daly	229-2600	Ushers/Greeters	Eric Svendsen	500-8313
Men's 50+ Club	John Baka	437-0285	Weekday Lectors	Ann Standley	287-2350
Leisure Club	Donna Branco	268-7360	Mary Choir	Diane Eisenhart	347-3065
CYO Basketball	Kim McCarron	735-7319	Spirit Alive Choir	Marylu Korkuch	236-9103
			Youth Choir	Jamie Parmese	328-4116

Altar Servers

#### **WELCOME HOME!**

#### **OUR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sat. Vigil: 4:30PM

**Sunday:** 8:00AM, 10:00AM, Noon & 5:00PM

Weekdays: Mon - Fri 7:00AM, 9:00AM

Sat. 9:00AM

Confession: Sat. 11:30 AM - 12; 3:30 - 4:00 PM

or by appointment

Adoration: Holy Hour 9:30 AM—10:30 AM Please note this week, Adoration will only be

one hour this week due to weddings.

Rosary: Wed. at 8:30 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena: Sat. after 9AM Mass

#### THIS WEEK'S MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 8 (27<sup>h</sup> Sunday in OT)

8 am Anna Dougherty (Mary & Fred Hegarty)

10 am Walter & Patricia Barrett (Anna Barrett)

12 pm George Hoesly (Sheila & Bob Parente)

5 pm Karen Damiano (Loving Family)

Monday, October 9 (St. Denis)

No 7am Mass

9 am LaMae Perez (Family)

Tuesday, October 10

7 am LaMae Perez (Sharp-Perez Families)

9 am Jane Dorflinger (John & Pat Hughes)

Wednesday, October 11 (Pope St. John XXIII)

7 am Communion Service

9 am Communion Service

#### Thursday, October 12

7 am Communion Service

9 am Communion Service

#### Friday, October 13

7 am Jean Liszewski (Ocello Family)

9 am Luz Gonzalez (Rosie Medway)

Saturday, October 14 (St. Callistus)

9 am Michael Linne (Wife & Children)

4:30 pm Martin Burke (Klippstein Family)

Sunday, October 15 (28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT)

8 am For Our Parishioners

10 am David Codd (Whalen Family)

12 pm Rocco Palestina (Loving Wife)

5 pm Kunz Family

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Stuart Chester II & Kirsten Glennon

Brandon William Rasinowicz & Fabiana Popolla



We are blessed to welcome back Fr. Alphonse for our Christmas Concert! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

Tickets will be available online and in the Parish Office on **Tuesday**, **October 10th**.

#### **CATECHETICAL QUESTIONS**

This week's question: I have been away from the Church for a few years & really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back?

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

## PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving Your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of Your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen

#### THIS WEEK AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## Sunday, October 8 Pro Life Raffle Ticket Sale

8:00 AM Mass (Church)

10:00 AM Mass (Church)

12:00 PM Mass (Church)

5:00 PM Mass (Church)

**7:00 PM** Women's Cornerstone (Upper Room)

7:00 PM Men's Cornerstone (PH)

#### Monday, October 9

7:00 AM No Mass

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

9:30 AM Sanctuary Guild; cleaning of Church

#### Tuesday, October 10

7:00 AM Mass (Church)

8:30 AM Edna Mahan Prison Ministry

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

**6:30 AM** Rosarian Meeting (PH)

**7:00 PM** Spirit Alive Choir Rehearsal (Church)

#### Wednesday, October 11

7:00 AM Communion Service (Church)

8:30 AM Rosary (Church)

9:00 AM Communion Service (Church)

1:00 PM Bereavement (PH)

**6:30 PM** Bereavement (PH)

#### Thursday, October 12

7:00 AM Communion Service (Church)

9:00 AM Communion Service (Church)

9:30 AM Walking With Purpose (PH)

**10:00 AM** Thursday Scripture Sharing (YR)

**5:00 PM** Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

#### Friday, October 13

#### Note: Adoration only at 9:30 Holy Hour

7:00 AM Mass (Church)

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM ProLife Holy Hour(Church)

2:00 PM Rasinowicz / Popolla Wedding (Church)

**5:00 PM** Wedding Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Festival of Praise (Church)

#### Saturday, October 14

9:00 AM Mass (Church)

**9:30 AM** Miraculous Medal Novena (Church)

10:00 AM Pre-Cana (PH)

11:30 AM - 12 PM Confession (Church)

2:00 PM Chester / Glennon Wedding (Church)

3:30 PM - 4 PM Confession (Church)

4:30 PM Mass (Church)

5:30 PM Youth Group (Gym ICS)

#### Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM Mass (Church)

10:00 AM Mass (Church)

12:00 PM Mass; Installation of Altar Rosary officers

5:00 PM Mass (Church)



The Sanctuary candle lit for October 8 -14th the Intentions of Carole Curcio

#### OCTOBER IS RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH

Thanks to all who came out to the Life Chain last week!

The 40 Days for Life - Join us to pray the Rosary daily after the 9 AM Mass until November 4<sup>th</sup>.



October 13th - 9:30 AM Holy Hour in remembrance of infants lost.

October 19th - Pro Life Ministry Meeting 7pm in Youth Room

October 26th - Movie Night : Hope in PH (on human trafficking) Refreshments served. Any questions, contact Tricia Daly 908-328-1268

## OF PRAISE



Join us this Friday, October 13th from 7:30pm-9:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction along with some Praise and Worship Music.

Confession will also be available.

For more information follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ICCFOP/

#### Walking with Purpose, Women's Bible Study Meet & Greet Thurs., October 12, 9:30-11:30 am **Parish Hall**

Come and meet the team, enjoy some light refreshments, and get more information about the exciting new program coming to ICC Annandale. Drop in at your convenience, children welcome!

Walking with Purpose is a unique, women only faith sharing experience through bible study. Develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through the beauty of the Roman Catholic Church & its teaching.

> Questions? Call, email or text us! Linda Hunt 973-960-0635; lindaclaire.hunt@gmail.com Jessica Jaynes 908-240-8383; jajaynes10@gmail.com

# FALL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 12 PM - 4PM



#### PIE CONTEST AT THE FALL FESTIVAL

Calling all bakers! This is your chance to show off your pastry skills. Let's see who will take home this year's blue ribbon!

For more information or to register for the pie baking contest please go to:

www.icsannandale.org/fall-fest

#### WHAT IS THE FALL FESTIVAL?

A FREE admission combined parish and school event that is meant to encourage community building and an opportunity to meet some new friends. This year Fall Fest features a Harvest Train Ride, Pumpkin Patch, Tailgate games, Music, A pie baking contest and some fresh baked goods from our Altar Rosarians, the Knights of Columbus #6245 Soccer Goal Contest, Coat Drive, Fun Fall Activities and an opportunity to learn about other parish ministries and activities.

Food, Beer, Wine, and Treats and a 50/50 Raffle will all available for sale.

Touch A Truck Firetruck will also be available for the children to explore!

Worried about missing football or your fantasy football team? So, is Fr. Keith, and we're looking at keeping everyone up to date with that as well.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

All children ages 9 - 14 are invited to participate in



the local Council competition during the Fall Fest! This exciting event, is designed for players to demonstrate their skills in a penalty kick!

Each entrant will compete in their own gender and age level.

For more information contact:
Grand Knight, Brian Daly: (908) 229-2600
brian@premiervocationalexperts.com

#### **DID YOU SAY FOOD TRUCKS?**

Cookie Maven, Taco, Pizza and ice cream are just a few! What else do you think we will have? Will Father Keith or Father Edgar have some surprises up their sleeves? You have to come to find out!

# WE CAN USE YOUR HELP VOLUNTEER TODAY!



We are looking for Volunteers. Please use the QR code or the link below to sign up: https://

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#### STEWARDSHIP AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

#### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS UPDATE

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Thank you for your continued support of our Parish!

#### COAT DRIVE DROP OFF



October is Coat Drive
Month! We will be
collecting warm winter
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used. Please limit your
items to winter coats,
polar fleeces and vests
only. Donations will go
to local organizations

in need. Please note there will not be collections in the back of Narthex. To make it easier and limit the amount of lifting and carrying from your car, please utilize the drop off at the school's main entrance from now until October 22.

#### **FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES**

Try to imagine a line of 4-foot Christmas trees all shining in the night from the white lights illuminating our impressive driveway leading up to the Church. Each tree is dedicated to one

of our Parish families or a loved one. That's what we are trying to accomplish as a part of our Parish's First Annual Christmas Remembrance Fundraiser. What better way is there to recognize or remember a special person in our lives? Many other parishes have been successful in this fundraiser over the years and we are interested in the possibility from our IC family. Right now we are just seeing if this is something that you would be interested in supporting if we ran it. Our initial guestimated cost is between \$200-250 and the trees would be lit from our feast day (Dec 8) throughout the Christmas Season. Please contact Michael Szalecki at mszalecki@iccannandale.org to let us know if this is something you'd be interested in!

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## From the Pastor's Desk

This week we will have our annual priest convocation, a gathering of the priests of the Diocese to spend in prayer and priestly fraternity. It is a wonderful few days down the shore to enjoy the gift of priesthood and spend some time with our brothers. Unfortunately, we don't get a chance to see very much of each other since we are often worried about the demands of our individual parishes. There is some quiet time to pray in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and also some professional development. The Diocese typically brings in a speaker to highlight one aspect of our ministry to focus on. This year it is Rhonda Gruenewald of Vocation Ministry in Texas. The Bishop will also speak on the State of the Diocese, but mostly it is a time to just enjoy each other's company. So, please pray for us while we are away. I know it is not convenient since almost all the priests of the Diocese are away and I am thankful to our Deacons for covering the Mass schedule with Communion Services on Wednesday and Thursday. I am also grateful to Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR of the Blue Army Shrine who will be available to the best of his ability to us in the case of an emergency. If something arises, call the parish office and they will get in touch with Fr. Luke.

I can't believe it is already October! Fall Fest is only two weeks away! Please try your best to attend, even if it is for a short time. This event was meant to be both the parish picnic and a school event. To steal a line from Msgr. Andy Szaroleta, my friend and first pastor: This event is meant to be predominantly a "Friend-raiser," so we are NOT charging admission. Come see the school, support the Altar Rosarians Bake Sale. listen to some live music, cheer on the participants in the Knights Soccer Kick and just enjoy each other's company, perhaps make some new friends. We have been so blessed to have a wonderful community here on St. Mary's Hill. Let us thank God together for this awesome opportunity and PLEASE PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER! Thank you all for helping to bring this together!

Pax et bonum, Fr. Keith



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2023 High School Open House & Test Dates

#### ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL, EDISON

Open House – Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> • Noon to 3 PM

Placement Test dates: Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> | Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Visit https://www.stahs.net/admissions for information

#### IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL, SOMERVILLE

Open House – Sunday, October 22 – 2 to 5 PM & Monday, October 23 – 6 to 8 p.m.

Placement Test dates: Saturday, November 11th | Friday, November 10th | Saturday, November 11th Open House & HSPT information and registration:

www.immaculatahighschool.org/admissions

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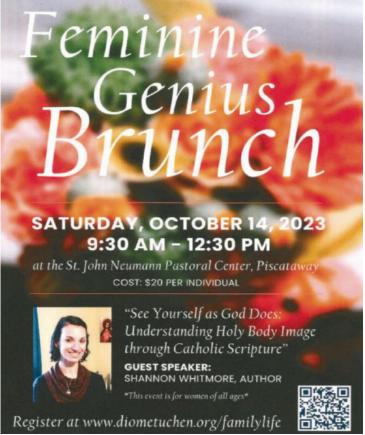
Open House – Sunday, October 15 • 11:30 AM – 2 PM
Prep Course Session 1: 10/17, 19, 24, 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Prep Course Session 2: 10/23, 25, 30 & 11/1 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Scholarship Entrance Exams: Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> | Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> |
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> | Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
Pre-register at https://www.stjoes.org/admissions

#### MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY, WATCHUNG

Open House – Sunday, October 22 – Noon to 3:30 PM

Entrance Test dates: Saturday, November 4th | Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

To pre-register email: admissions@mountsaintmary.org





## SENIOR HEALTH CARE CONSIDERATIONS EVENT

Nov. 8th, 9:30 AM - 12:30PM

**Diocesan Center, Piscataway** 

This event includes continental breakfast, guest speaker Msgr. John Fell, STD, Episcopal Vicar for Health Care Apostolate who will speak on "Health Care Considerations for Aging Catholics", and Holy Mass. Cost is \$10 per person. Call or email Angela Marshall to register 732.562.1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org

#### MAKING DISCIPLES INSTITUTE (RCIA)

The Office of RCIA is pleased to announce that it is hosting an RCIA Formation Event November 10-11 here at Immaculate Conception. This twoday Making Disciples Institute will be run by Nick Wagner and Diana Macalintal from Team RCIA & will provide RCIA teams with a comprehensive overview of the entire catechumenate process, focusing on each period. Participants will also explore how evangelization is the ongoing work of all the baptized & how the entire parish becomes the training ground for catechesis. It is our hope that this will help your catechumenate teams deepen their community's engagement with seekers, become more confident, and find more joy in this life-changing ministry. Interested? contact Adam at acarlisle@diometuchen.org

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL



Connie Fortunato, the Blue Knight, Fr. Keith and Sara Cook say THANK YOU to all who trekked for tech and helped us surpass our goal for getting the latest and greatest technology in our school, we got rained out Friday, but Monday was gorgeous; Thank you, Lord!



It's October, WE WANT SOME CANDY!

Our K-3 Art Club created monsters that will be used to collect candy for an upcoming event!



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#### HARD AS NAILS YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

#### Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Immaculata HS Gym, Somerville

The ticketed event is an active and dynamic encounter for 7th-12th graders and families to experience a breakthrough that will (re)ignite their relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church. Space is limited so please register at

https://diometuchen.org/events/youre-amazinghard-as-nails-ministry-breakthrough-event

## YOUTH MINISTRY

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 14

All High School Students are encouraged to join the Youth Group's next meeting from 5:30 PM—8:00PM (right after the 4:30 PM Mass) in the ICS School gym. New members are always welcome! If you want more information, please contact Anita Weingart at: weingart.amb@gmail.com.

#### Youth Group Annual Luminary Walk

The Luminary Walk will be held on Saturday, 11/4 from 5:45-7:30 PM in the ICC Cemetery. We will sell luminary bags in memory of your deceased loved ones at all masses on 10/21 and 10/22. Suggested donation is \$6 per bag or 2 for \$10, which



will benefit the HS Youth Group activities. Please mark your calendar for this wonderfully spiritual event during the month in which we pray for all our deceased loved ones!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

When I was a little child, I saw a lady pulling up the roses in front of her house. I asked her why she was doing that. She said, "My family did not thank me for planting them. I am giving them to people who say thank you when I give them something." Say and do good things for others. Then God will know that you are thankful for all that God has given you.

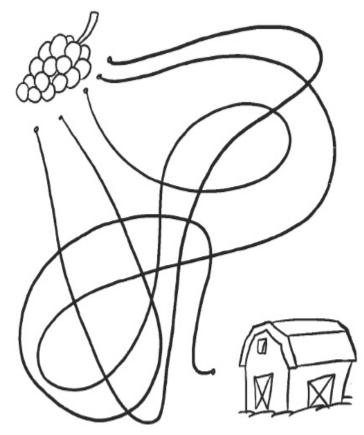
## LIVING THE GOSPEL (MY MISSION FOR THE WEEK)

I will remember to say. "Thank you," to my family and friends.

#### PRAYER

Lord, I am thankful for you and for all you have given me.







The child with her rose.





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