

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Bringing all souls to Jesus through Mary, the Immaculate Conception.

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# Christ the King

## Parish Information

### Mass Times:

Sat: 4:00 PM; Sun 7:30 AM; 10:00 AM  
 M. T. T. F. 12:10 PM at ICC  
 Wed: 5:30 PM followed by Adoration/Confession

### Confessions:

11:30 AM—12:00 PM Immaculate Conception  
 Saturday 3:00 PM— 4:00 PM at Sacred Heart  
 Saturday 3:00 PM—3:30 PM ICC  
 Or please call the parish to arrange a time

**Baptism:** Call Dc. Sean Stack 907-452-3533

**Marriage:** Call six months prior to wedding date.

### Status of Operating Fund - (July 1, 2019 - Nov 8, 2020)

Includes CC Donations received

<http://giving.parishsoft.com/iccfairbanks>

Weekly Budgeted	\$5,895.13
Actual Collection **includes grants received**	\$7,097.82
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$1,202.69
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$112,004.47
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$121,713.22
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	\$9,708.75
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$112,004.47
Expenses for the year to date (includes Security)	\$120,295.67

### Temple Worship

Temples are strange for us today; we see churches and sacred spaces as normal. But for the ancient Jews, the Temple was not only a sacred space, but was the Holy of Holies, the place where the Divine indwelt. The Glory of the Lord, the Shekinah, dwelt with his people in the Temple and the Jews came to worship God living in temple.

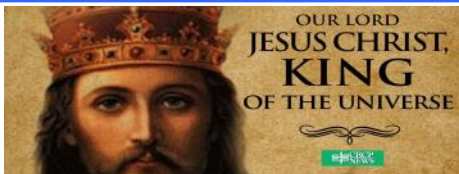
The Temple was also seen as a symbol of the universe as it depicted the Creation Narrative portrayed as the Garden of Eden. It was filled with colors and jewels, stars and planets, plants and trees, but the thing missing in the Temple was any depiction of God for He was invisible.

The temple was the intersection where the invisible God met his people. Here all the tribes and all the nations were to come to worship and give praise and glory to God.

But Jesus tells us, destroy this temple and in three days it will rise from the dead. Here Jesus is declaring Himself to be greater than the Temple and the high priest of his Temple.

We honor Christ as King for He is our Temple and we are his body. We honor and glorify Him not merely for Who He is but for What He reveals about us: We too are God's temple.

**When the Son of Man comes  
 in his glory, and all the angels  
 with him, he will sit upon his  
 glorious throne**



**Then the king will say to  
 those on his right,  
 'Come, you who are  
 blessed by my Father.**

Date	Mass Time	Intentions of ICC Parishioners	Priest	Feast Day	Activity
Sat. Nov 21	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Anthony & Virginia Roetzler Ray Kramer	Fr. Tom Fr. Robert		Confession 3:00 PM 6:30 PM Latin Mass at SHC
Sun. Nov 22	7:30am	John C. Wood	Fr. Tom	34th Sunday Christ the King	Healing Service
	10:00am	ICC	Fr. Tom		
Mon Nov 23	12:10PM	Monica & Ron Troendle + Family	Fr. Tom	St. Clement	Legion of Mary 5:30 PM
Tue. Nov 24	12:10PM	Tom Roetzler +	Fr. Tom	St. Andrew Dung Lac	
Wed Nov 25	5:30PM	Margaret&Brian Simonson + Family	Fr. Tom	St. Catherine of Alexandria	Rosary 5:00 PM for Pandemic 6:00 PM—7:00 PM Adoration/Confessions
Thurs Nov 26	9:00 AM	John Olender	Fr. Tom	Thanksgiving	Nenana Mass 12:00 PM Healy Mass 5:00 PM
Fri Nov 27	No Mass Here	Tony&Kate Arens And baby	Fr. Tom		
Sat. Nov 28	4:00 PM	Tony&Kate Arens And Baby	Fr. Tom	First Sunday Advent	Confessions 3:00 PM
Sun. Nov 29	7:30 AM 10:00AM	Fr. Frank Hoelck + ICC	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom	First Sunday Advent	

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Doreen Reed; Helga Savage; Mason Edwards; Ralph Payner; Rocco Vicari; Jim & Sandy Harity; Rebecca Weatherford and family; Edie Del Cecato; all elected officials; Fred; Drew; Suki Ahn; Phillip Penpraze; Lily; Luna; Bishop Chad and clergy; Sandra Connelly & family; Dorothy Stella & family; Sally & family; May Walsh; Sr. Patricia Mayer; Jim Cross, Claudia Piatt; Gary Jones; Kitty ; Ashton Ishnook & Family, Gerry Walsh; Cindy & Joe Fields, Lorraine Salzman, Kay McLevey, Grayce and Bob Barnard, John Gregory, Emily, Peggy Mantei, Teri Walsh, Annette Chuckwu and family, Glen Imus, Kathy Geco+, Jullian, Bobby & Marlene Masick, Sharon Nowicki, Teri Landean, Jos. Luca Comperchio, Tonya Kistner, and all names and intentions in our Book of Intentions. Prayer Intentions refreshed weekly. *Please call the office to add and/or remove a loved one to the prayer box.*



**Nov 21 6:30 PM** Latin Rite Mass Sacred Heart

**Nov 22 12:00 PM** Healing Service

(Confessions/Anointing of the Sick)

**Nov 26 9:00 AM** Thanksgiving of Mass

♦ Nenana Mass at 12:00 PM

♦ Healy Mass at 5:00 PM

**Nov 30—Dec 3 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart** Advent Retreat with Mass and extended Homily. No Mass at ICC Dec 2.

**Soup Kitchen ThanksGiving**

**Thanksgiving Day we will serve meals from  
11:00 AM—1:00 PM  
from our window service.**

We may be the only organization serving that day.

**Volunteers are needed**

**9:00 AM.—2:00 PM.**

Please contact Nick if you want to volunteer.

We also need winter gear to give out that day:

**snow pants, warm boots, hats, gloves.**

**First Sunday of Advent -- November 29, 2020**

**"We are the clay and you the potter;  
we are all the work of your hands."**

Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: vocations@cbna.org

**Confession Schedule for Fairbanks Area.**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

**Dec. 9 6:30 PM:** Mass followed by Adoration and Confession from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

**St. Raphael Church**

**Dec. 15 7:00 PM— 9:00 PM**

Individual Confession

**St. Nicholas Church**

**Dec. 16 7:00 9:00 PM**

Individual Confession

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We will not have any penance service, but priests will be available for confessions while we have

**Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 PM—9:00 PM.**



**Washington, D.C. Oct 3, 1863**  
**By the President of the**  
**United States of America.**  
**A Proclamation!**

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God.

In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theatre of military conflict; while that theatre has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union.

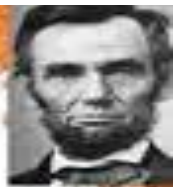
Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore.

Religion today is not transforming people; rather it is being transformed by the people. It is not raising the moral level of society; it is descending to society's own level, and congratulating itself that it has scored a victory because society is smilingly accepting its surrender.

—A.W. Tozer

## How did it start?

In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November a national holiday. At that time, the United States was fighting a civil war. President Lincoln liked the idea of a holiday that would also celebrate national unity.



Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battle-field; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom.

No human counsel has devised nor has any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, has nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People.

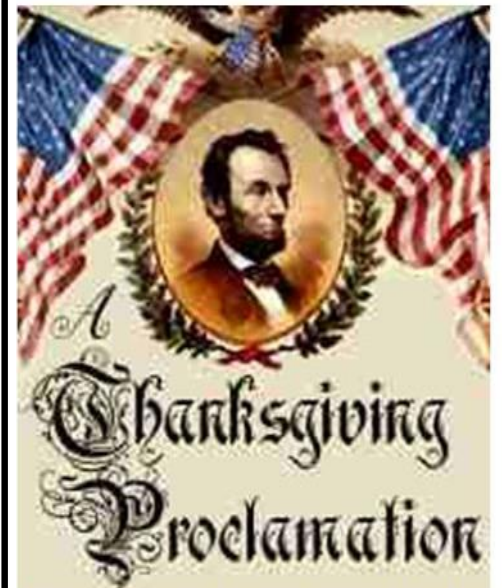
I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens.

And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

**President: Abraham Lincoln**



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~ President Abraham Lincoln

Thanksgiving Proclamation 1863



### **Parish update:**

As we plan for the new year and new structures, we have discussed over the last three years the renovation of our building accomplishing many already needed updates and fixes so our building is safe and functional.

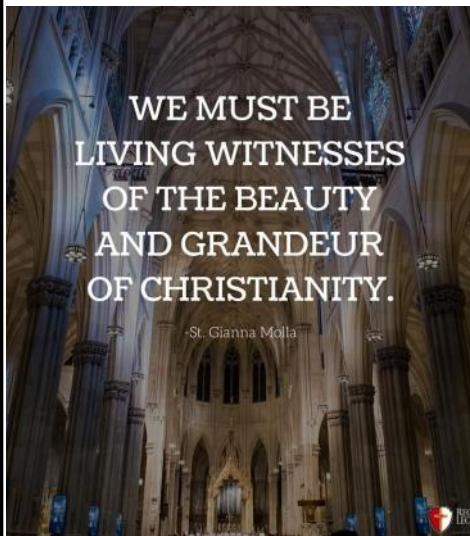
As we have discussed replacing the front doors of the Church along with a new sounds system, the conversation continued to discuss the interior of the Church and if we could plan a restoration of the church sanctuary and nave.

In conversation with Cindy J. the Facilities Manager of our diocese she thought it would be an excellent topic for discussion during this time as it would take time to develop a plan and implement the plan over the course of several years.

The restoration of the church proper would be broken down in stages or sections though an over all plan would be needed to guide each area that needs to be restored or updated.

The stages or sections easily break down as we have a very distinct rooms and areas.

The first area is the entrance doors to the Church and we are looking for ways to put in new doors at a reasonable cost so we can widen the entry area to ensure it is up to code 6 feet wide and also have security doors in place.



**"The Church exists in order to communicate precisely this:  
Truth, Beauty, and Goodness in person."**

**Pope Francis**

The second area is the vestibule of the church along with the stairs. The whole area needs new carpet and flooring along with some minor alterations. We would want to see if there are better surfaces for the stairs that make it graceful but safe.

The Third area is the Church nave with redoing the pews and new flooring along with staining the wainscoting on the sides.

Another area is the choir loft. That too needs new flooring and updated speakers for the organ and sound system.

The sanctuary is the most complex as it also has the sacristy connected. The major issue will be leveling the floor so that we eliminate any unexpected edges and also have safe steps to the sacristy and the side chapel.

The sanctuary also would be restored to look like the original with wainscoting and pressed tin on the side walls. New flooring is needed along with an elevated altar that extends to include both altars. Of course, we would want to replace the altars with something similar to what was originally there.

Included in the sanctuary we would need to find room for the lectern, baptismal font, statues, and more room for the reception of communion.

We had an architect come look at the Church last week and we are waiting for his directives.

### **Soup Kitchen Update**

Hard to believe, but October has come and gone already! This past month, we've been keeping a rough track of:

Individual Volunteer Shifts:	106
Volunteer Hours Worked:	298
Meals Served:	2106
Food Donations:	\$3,000

**Thank you to everyone who has helped out with their time, talent, and treasure!**

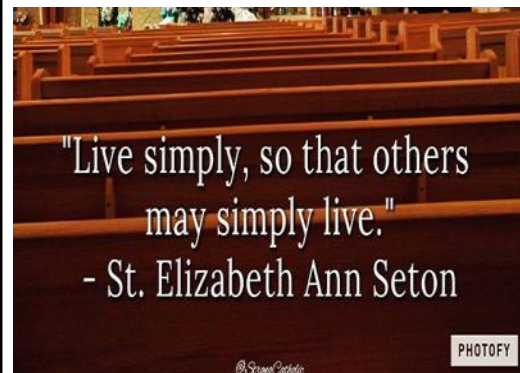
With the rapidly dropping temperatures these past two weeks, we've seen a sharp decrease in the number of people coming to our doors, but we still have a steady stream of people that want food and clothing.

In addition to hot food, people are also constantly asking for hand warmers, winter socks, gloves, and any winter gear we may have on hand (particularly coats and snow pants).

If you have any of these items in adult sizes that you would be willing to give away, please bring them by ICC! You can generally catch us anytime between the hours of 10am and 2pm. If this time does not work, please contact us directly to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Thank you both now and in advance for everything you do to help our mission of caring for some of God's most vulnerable and forgotten children!

**In Christ,  
Nick Shamrell  
Soup Kitchen Manager**



What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love Him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless.

- Pope St. John Paul II -

### **Blessed by my Father!**

Doing the will of the Father gains blessing and the will of the Father is explicit.

### **What you do to others you do to me!**

As in the times of Isaiah so in our times, many merely want to worship God their way on their terms. We seek to please God our way and not his way. So Isaiah condemns the people harshly (Is.1:11):

***Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.***

The only sacrifice worthy of the Father is a contrite heart, a heart meek and contrite is pleasing to the Lord (Ps 51:17).

To earn blessing from the Father demands a different way of thinking. We do not earn a blessing by doing something that we think is pleasing to God. We earn a blessing by seeing our great need to have God in our lives. This is the first beatitude: Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Blessedness comes not from doing but from needing.

### **We need God in our lives.**

Not just any god, nor the impression we have of God, but the God as revealed by Jesus: Father-God.

God the Father, wants us to see Him intimately involved in our lives and to see ourselves as brothers and sisters and to love each other as a Father expects his sons and daughters to love, humbly willing the good of the other.

**Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus (Phl 2:4)**

Real love wills the good — not in one's self, but the good, truth, and beauty of the other.

Holiness is the perfection of love, righteousness is the perfection of obedience. The two are inseparable. Holiness is the perfection of my love so that I only desire to love what is good, true and beautiful in the other and the only way I do that is to see the good, true, and beauty within myself. This is the perfection of my power of love. This is the secret — the mystery of love. I too am love!

Obedience responds to love's demands and we willingly obey for the power of love gives us the grace to love for my obedience and love are the very needs I have that only the Father can satisfy.

The image Jesus' uses to reveal our love and obedience are goats and sheep.

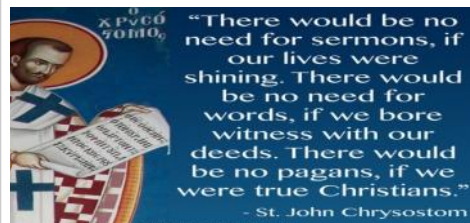
Sheep are docile yielding, gentle, and sadly vulnerable to evil which creates panic and fears. They need a shepherd to lead them. Goats, on the other hand, are stubborn, unruly, aggressive, finicky, canny, and oddly very intelligent but do not come across as smart. They do not want a shepherd they want to shepherd themselves.

Painting the picture with this parable, Jesus reveals the demands to enter into his kingdom explaining explicitly what type of worship and sacrifice we are to do if we expect to enter his kingdom.

### **Discernment of our inner spirit reveals the heart of our attitude.**

It is not enough to say, Lord, Lord. It is not enough to be present and even participate in those very acts that lead us love and obedience. The demand is not merely the deed, the duty itself, but the intention behind the deed that determines if we are a faithful and fruitful servant blessed by our Father.

The demands Jesus places upon us demands we clarify and purify our intentions. We are to have a clean heart the source of our will to love if we are to enter the Kingdom.



We have to have a clean conscience that is mind that knows and understands the reason behind the Law of God. Our minds are powerful and they feed our will, the heart, as to what we will do.

Catharsis is the cleansing that Jesus demands of our hearts and minds. It cleanses and purifies from within. It is a self-emptying of our powers, passions, and emotions the very expressions of our mind and will; so that empty of our own self-will and knowledge, we can use our mind and heart to purify and cleanse. Then using our the powers, passions, and emotions rooted in our mind and will as our Father intends, we are pleasing to God.

Self-emptying cuts us free from our stubbornness, aggressive, and finicky attitudes knowing they are destructive and dysfunctional. Cut free, we become docile, humble, and directed by his command to love one another as love demands and keep his command to obey the law. This is blessedness!

Self-discernment is critical for us to discern for we evaluate ourselves not in our own light, but in the light of Christ (Phl 2:6—8).

**Who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient**

St. Paul states any disobedience will be punished, a strong and frightening word. If we think we are holy without obedience, we delude ourselves. Seeking personal holiness will intensify self-will and increases sin if holiness is not connected to obedience. Yet, we become holy and find love when we obey.

Through our obedience, we are shepherded and formed by the divinely inspired union of love and obedience. Blessed by My Father is what we desire, but we do not earn his blessings by doing, we recognized our need for our hearts are hard and minds darkened but his Light shines through, if we recognize our need for Him.



## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

16 Nov 2020

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, the Vatican released a long-awaited report on the investigation of Theodore McCarrick, a former cardinal and bishop. The report is over 450 pages long and can be found on the Vatican's website at

<https://bit.ly/3kqK7jw>.

Pope Francis took seriously the allegations of abuse committed by Theodore McCarrick and he was laicized on February 16, 2019.

This action and the promulgation of "Vos estis lux mundi" echoes the seriousness of the Church's accountability and transparency of allegations against, bishops, priests and religious regarding abuse of minors and vulnerable adults.

**Such criminal and heinous behavior is never acceptable within our Church as we promote a safe environment in all our gathering spaces**

In the past 6 years serving as Bishop of the Diocese of Fairbanks, I have traveled to all 46 parishes. I have had the extremely sorrowful and heart wrenching experience of listening to stories of individuals who were abused by clergy or Church personnel during their childhood or adolescent years.

Many of these victims are now in their mid to later adult years, the horror of this abuse is still alive in their memory today.

I have apologized to them firsthand and extend a sincere apology to any person ever abused by clergy or Church personnel.

Dear friends, may no adversity paralyze you. Be afraid neither of the world, nor of the future, nor of your weakness. The Lord has allowed you to live in this moment of history so that, by your faith, his name will continue to resound throughout the world.

- Pope Benedict XVI -



REMEMBER THIS AND NEVER  
FORGET IT: EVEN IF IT SHOULD  
SEEM AT TIMES THAT EVERYTHING  
IS COLLAPSING, NOTHING IS  
COLLAPSING AT ALL, BECAUSE  
GOD DOESN'T LOSE BATTLES.

St. Josemaria Escriva



If you have ever been abused by clergy or Church personnel and have not reported this, please contact your local law enforcement. You may also contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator, **Cynthia Klepaski, at (907) 750-1132 or [cklepaski@cbna.org](mailto:cklepaski@cbna.org).**

We will report it to law enforcement and make every effort to assist you.

In March 2010, the Diocese of Fairbanks emerged from bankruptcy brought on by allegations of sexual abuse. A non-monetary term of the bankruptcy plan required that the Diocese post on its website the names of all individuals against whom a complaint of corporal punishment or sexual abuse had been filed by one or more individuals. This included priests, religious, lay employees, and volunteers—in short, anyone associated with the Church.

The list includes admitted, proven, or credibly accused perpetrators of corporal punishment or sexual abuse. There are 46 individuals listed on the website.

Today, the Diocese has a responsive and transparent process for handling any sexual abuse claims. The Diocese unequivocally condemns abuse of any kind, for abuse violates the dignity of the human person. The Diocese takes claims of abuse seriously, turns over evidence to law enforcement immediately, and cooperates fully with investigations of abuse. The Diocese also offers to assist survivors to help them move toward justice and healing.

In the interest of transparency, I have recognized the need to continue maintaining this website; however, the list on the website included only names of individuals accused in lawsuits or proofs of claim at the time of the bankruptcy

I felt that the process used to create the disclosure list at the time of bankruptcy did not include a thorough review of the records of the Diocese. To remedy this gap, in October of 2019, I hired Dr. Kathleen McChesney and her firm, Kinsale Management Consulting, to conduct an independent review of Diocesan files. The names of those identified in this review were then provided to the Diocesan Review Board at two different meetings which concluded in May 2020. The board recommended to me which names should be added to the list;

I approved all recommended names and they have been added to the listing of admitted, proven or credibly accused perpetrators of sexual abuse. This letter was briefed and discussed at the Diocesan Review Board on 12 Nov 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the methodical care required for this process, we are now ready to post this new listing.

We as priests, religious and Church personnel are committed to creating a Safe Environment for all to come and worship in our Churches. We continue to ask God's forgiveness and that of the people of God for times we failed. We will continue to pray for survivors and their healing. For those that have allowed me to walk on that sacred ground of their life, I am grateful and continue to carry them in my prayers and Mass intentions asking for ongoing healing through the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sincerely in Christ,

†Most Reverend Chad W. Zielinski  
Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska  
Diocese of Fairbanks

**Bishop Barron  
on McCarrick Report**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaVYjESZoDA>

# SOUP KITCHEN REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov. 29 Mayonnaise 1st Sunday of Advent	30  Peanut Butter	Dec. 1  Jelly	2  Brown Lunch Bags	3  Trail Mix Bars	4  Shampoo	5  Pretzel Bags
6  Pudding Cups	7  Tooth Brushes	8  Bottled Water	9 Ziploc Bags Sandwich Size	10  Granola Bars	11  Hot Cocoa	12  Gloves Mittens
13  Potato Chips	14 ZipLock bag Snack size	15 Bars of Soap	16 Apple Cider Packets	17  Tea Bags	18  Winter Hats	19 Small packs Baby Wipes
20  Dried Fruit Packs	21  Fruit Cups	22  Small Napkins	23  Tooth Paste	24  Plastic Spoons	25  Prayers for Needy	<b>Cash Donations are always needed</b>
<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>	<b>Thank you</b>

During the season of Advent many families have the tradition of counting down the days until Christmas using an Advent calendar. Often times, these calendars are filled with a treat (like chocolate).

This year, instead of getting a treat as you count down the days to the birth of the Savior, why not give the gift of a meal to someone in need. The Immaculate Conception Soup Kitchen has been serving the Fairbanks community for over 30 years, primarily on the weekends. The pandemic has expanded the ministry to 6 days a week.

Volunteers serve 550-650 sack lunches a week to those in need.

Your donations of the items above will help to give the gift of warmth and a meal who might not otherwise have it.

**Help support the ICC Soup Kitchen with your donations today! For more information (or to volunteer) contact Nick Shamrell at [iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org](mailto:iccsoupkitchen@cbna.org) or call 452-3533**



# *Advent/Christmas 2020*

*Ø come, Ø come, fmanuel and ransom captive Israel!*

## Soup Kitchen

The ICC Soup Kitchen is collecting goods to help us feed and cloth the needy of the area. Please look at the calendar (back) if you are able to provide spiritually, financially and materially to our efforts! Help treat the least of our brothers and sisters with dignity this Advent/Christmas season!

### **ADVENT RETREAT NOV. 30-DEC. 3**

**6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

***The Four Last Things:***

***Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell***

Join the local priests of the diocese for an Advent retreat focusing on the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell.

Each evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 6:30 pm, the homily for Mass will focus on our preparation for the coming of the Lord at the end of time as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

*Please note  
The daily Masses  
ON WEDNESDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 2  
in the various parishes  
WILL BE CANCELLED  
to encourage participation in the retreat.*

### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

Prepare yourself to receive the joys of the Christmas season by attending one of our multiple Reconciliation Services. Priests will be available to bring Christ's forgiveness, mercy, and hope to anyone struggling with the darkness of sin.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

**Dec. 9 6:30 PM:** Mass followed by Confession .

**St. Raphael Church**

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**Can't make one of the these days/times?**

Call one of the priests in Fairbanks to make an appointment to schedule a confession today!

**Fr. Tom- 452-3533**

**Fr. Ross- 474-9032**

**Fr. Welcome- 488-2595 Fr. Robert 374-9504**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sacred Heart Cathedral**

**Dec. 24- 4:30 pm & 7:00 pm  
Dec. 25- Midnight & 11:00 am**

**Immaculate Conception**

**Dec. 24- 6:00 pm & 11:00 pm  
Dec. 25- 8:00 am & 10:00 am**

**St. Raphael**

**Dec. 24- 4:30 pm & 9:00 pm  
Dec. 25- 10:00 am**

**St. Nicholas**

**Dec. 24- 7:00 pm  
Dec. 25- Midnight & 10:00 am**

**Advent means The Coming.  
Jesus is coming**

Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it also penitential.

**Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.**

Advent is a period of self-preparation and that is the reason the purple color defines with Advent. It is the color of penance.

The first three weeks, the faithful are fast in preparation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Third Sunday of Advent is rose, symbolizing joy as the readings of Advent preparing us to see how the Savior fulfills all the promises. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

After the Third Sunday we begin the Octave of Christmas where we sing and praise the LORD for 8 days as we see his salvation is coming upon us.

***Mary, Mother of God  
January 1st***

**January 1st  
Is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

It will be extra special this year as seminarians

**Piotr Oprych  
Dominik Wojcik**

**Will be ordained to the  
transitional diaconate  
for the Diocese of Fairbanks.**

**Join Bishop Zielinski  
at Sacred Heart  
Cathedral at 7:00 PM  
for the Mass of Ordination,  
praying that Mary, the  
Mother of God will watch  
over and protect two future**



## Consecration to Mary

33 Days

To Morning Glory

For the  
Intention of

**Peter Oprych and Dominik Wojcik**

**To Pray and Promote**

**To Praise and Thank**

**We ask that You**

**Consecrate 33 Days to Prayer**

Reading Fr. Gaitley's book each day meditating on the  
mysteries of Jesus through the intercession of Mary.

**Beginning on November 29**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Till**

**December 31 Vigil of  
Mary Mother of God**

Theotokos

**For Peter and Dominik**

**as they prepare for their**

**Diaconate Ordination**

**January 1, 2021**

**7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

When consecrating ourselves to Our Lady, we are consecrating ourselves to Jesus through Mary. As Pope John Paul II explained,

**"Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of mankind to him who is holy, infinitely holy; it means accepting her help—by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world—in order to offer the world, the individual human being,**

**mankind as a whole, and all the nations to him who is infinitely holy"**  
**(John Paul II, May 13, 1982).**

## **Immaculate Heart Consecration Prayer**

Say it daily as you read and meditation on the book by

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**33 Days to Morning Glory**

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## **Totus Tuus**

Totally yours,  
Immaculate Conception,  
Mary my Mother,  
Live in me, Act in me,  
Speak in me and through me,  
Think your thoughts in my mind,  
Love through my heart,  
Give me your dispositions and feelings,  
Teach, lead me and guide me to Jesus,  
Correct, enlighten and expand my  
thoughts and behavior,  
Possess my soul,  
Take over my entire personality and  
life, replace it with Yourself,  
Incline me to constant adoration,  
Pray in me and through me,  
Let me live in you and keep me in this  
union always.

-Pope John Paul II

*In 1984 our late Holy Father  
consecrated the world  
to God under the care of the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

When Christians are not maturing as they should, their handling of the Word of God is also affected.

"I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly."  
(1 Corinthians 3:2-3)

Catholics should be able to understand, articulate, explain, and defend their faith with confidence and courage.

Catholics and any faithful Christian ought to explain the reason for their belief and the central aspect of faith. That is, every Christian who claims Christianity as their belief does so for one reason:

**Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of all the prophecies in which God Himself will wash his people of their sins and give them eternal life.**

The Resurrection is the central teaching of Christianity which demands we believe Jesus is both Son of God and Son of man and by his Divinity joined to his humanity, we are redeemed of our sins, the cause of our death and recreated into divine, immortal beings as at the beginning of creation.

**If we cannot articulate this foundational teaching, evangelization cannot occur.**

"The new evangelization . . . means that faith cannot be taken for granted, but must be explicitly proposed in all its breadth and richness. This is the principal objective of catechesis, which, by its very nature, is an essential aspect of the new evangelization" (Evangelii Annuncianti, no. 69).

For effective evangelization then, the Gospel must truly penetrate our lifestyle: every thought and choice. We need to actively live our faith in all aspect of our lives. To achieve this end, we believers and families must allow the Son of God through the Word and Sacrament to consume our very being in such a way that all our actions and decisions reflect a life of faithful obedience out of love for the Author of the Law.

**One must admit that if Catholics do not understand the nature of their faith, they cannot be explicit, earnest, and heartfelt in living faith in practical ways.**

If our lived faith is reduced to mere memory of fact, empty of disciplined habits, and a worship without significant meaning or sacredness, then we will be empty shells without the presence and power of the Spirit Who empowers us to be a committed witness.

**The passivity of Catholics in the United States, resulting from historical and sociological conditions, has left generations of Catholics with the notion that what we learn and believe in catechesis is meant for our own personal edification rather than for the purpose of mission.**

The disconnect between what the believer knows about this faith and how to live this faith threatens the credibility of the Church's convictions on every social and moral issues from family and marriage, medical and moral ethics, the human dignity of each person and the respect demanded, and religious and personal freedom.

Catholics are to be intimately involved with our faith. We are to know and understand our faith and how faith completed by love we enter into a committed relationship with Jesus Christ. We believers bear heroic witness to Christ and Christianity by our words and acts and in doing so, the culture becomes shaped by faith-filled Christians.

## Area Mass Times

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sat. 4:30 PM Livestreamed  
Sun. 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM Livestream  
1:00 PM Spanish  
Mon-Friday. 7:30 AM

### Immaculate Conception

Sat. 4:00 PM; Sun. 7:30 AM 10:00 AM  
M, T, T, F. 12:10 PM Wed 5:30 PM  
All Masses livestreamed

### St. Raphael

Sat. 6:00 PM; Sun. 9:30 AM  
T, Th. 9:30 AM; W. 5:30 PM

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole

Sat. 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM  
M, T, Th, F. 9:00 AM; W 6:30 PM

### St. Mark University Parish

Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

9:00 AM Sunday

### Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB

Sun. 10:30 AM  
T-F. 11:30 AM

I PUT BEFORE YOU THE ONE GREAT THING  
TO LOVE ON EARTH:  
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.  
THERE YOU WILL FIND ROMANCE, GLORY,  
HONOR, FIDELITY, AND THE TRUE WAY  
OF ALL YOUR LOVES UPON EARTH.  
J.R.R. Tolkien

## ADORATION TIMES

### Immaculate Conception

Wed 5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Adoration  
with Confessions

### First Friday Devotions

5:30 PM Mass  
6:00 PM - 6:00 AM Adoration  
6:00 AM Patriotic Rosary  
7:00 AM Benediction & Mass

### Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursdays 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
Saturdays 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

### Good Shepherd

Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
(Most weeks)

### St. Nicholas

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 PM



# UP COMING EVENTS

## Schedule of Events:

Nov 22 12:00 PM Healing Service  
 Nov 26 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass  
 Nov 29 First Sunday Advent  
 Nov 30—Dec 3 Advent Retreat at Sacred Heart:  
 6:30 PM Mass with extended Homily on Four Last Things:  
 Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell. No Mass at ICC on Dec 2  
 Dec 7 5:30 PM Vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception  
 Dec 8 12:10 PM Mass for Holy Day Immaculate Conception  
 Dec 8 5:00 PM Mass Nenana; 7:00 PM Healy  
 Dec 8 7:00 PM 7:00 PM Warren Lucero Diaconate Ordination  
 at Sacred Heart Cathedral  
 Dec 9 6:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart followed by Adoration  
 and Confessions (No 5:30 PM Mass at ICC Dec 9)

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## The Story

Everyone loves a good story. As children, we not only enjoyed the great fairytales of literature, the great fables told by our ancestors, but most importantly, children as well as adults, we love to tell our own story.

Our culture tells the personal stories mainly through film and picture now. Does this reduce our imagination and our creativity? I would think so. We do not have to come up with words and images but merely use a picture or watch a film.

Diminished also is our ability to discern the theme of the stories we watch. More importantly, we fail to come up with the essential theme of our story. We let others tell the story without evaluating or discerning the reason behind our story.

The theme of our personal story and the greatest story ever told ought to be the same. We ought to read daily this great story; it reveals the real reason and purpose of my life.

**I am valuable beyond compare!**

The greatest story ever told is the story of the great King Who came to battle for my life and won the battle even though the Great King had to die in the battle. But, He rose from his death so that I to would live forever in his story.

With so many today who feel empty and worthless, we ought to read this Story so we too can become the great king or queen imitating our King battling for the beauty and honor of others especially when they feel lost and forsaken.

**This is the story we all want to hear,  
 This is the story we all want to live.**

## **Voice in the Wilderness Charismatic Prayer**

**Friday Night 6:30 PM**

***Healing comes to us  
 through prayer.***

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## **FRUITS OF SELF-CONTROL**



- MASTERING OF MOODS
- WATCHING YOUR WORDS
- RESTRAINT OF REACTIONS
- STICKS TO A SCHEDULE
- MANAGES MONEY WISELY
- MAINTAINS GOOD HEALTH

## **BLESSED POPE JOHN PAUL II**



**"From Mary we learn to surrender  
 to God's Will in all things.  
 From Mary we learn to trust  
 even when all hope seems gone.  
 From Mary we learn to love  
 Christ her Son and the Son of God!"**

## **Legion of Mary Meetings 5:30 PM Mondays**

**Being Legion of Mary  
 inspires us to fill our  
 souls with the Holy  
 Spirit as did Mary at the  
 Incarnation**

The Legion of Mary  
 inspires legion  
 members to pray daily.  
 Having prayed, Legion  
 members may want to  
 become active and  
 evangelize others.

**Are You Called?**

**Making the Father present as love  
 and mercy is, in Christ's own  
 consciousness, the fundamental  
 touchstone of His mission as the  
 Messiah.**

**ST. JOHN PAUL II**





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