

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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

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Tues.-Fri. 10:00AM - 3:00PM

9.12.2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday

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.

Shame!

Guilt knows I have done something wrong. Shame states, I am a mistake. There is something wrong with me.

Shame-bound diminishes my value as a person, as someone worthy of love, and definitely not forgivable. My sins are so great my wound so terrible that I cannot be healed. I am enslaved in my shame

Shame binds us with webs so that any feeling, emotions, passion, drive, or desire I may have makes me feel shame: that is repulsive and obscene.

The dynamic core of your human life is grounded in your feelings, needs, and drives. When these are bound by shame you are shamed to the core (John Bradshaw).

Shame is satanic. It comes from sin. As Adam and Eve felt naked, shame. They were vulnerable. They realized that they could hurt and use another as did Lucifer who used them feeding his envy to destroy humanity.

Yet, all of scripture reverses any feeling of shame. Yes, we are wounded, incurable by our own power, but when we allow God in through repentance, He takes away our shame and restores our dignity for He removes both our guilt and shame.

Status of Operating Fund - (July 1, 2019 - April 25, 2021)

Includes CC Donations received

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

Weekly Budgeted	\$6,651.79
Actual Collection **includes grants received**	\$10,139.50
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$3,487.71
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$66,557.90
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$69,023.05
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	\$2,465.15
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$66,557.90
Expenses for the year to date	\$45,599.04

**The Lord GOD opens my ear
that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled,
have not turned back.**

Never be ashamed of the scars that life has left you with. A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed, you endured the pain and God has healed you.

**The Lord GOD is my help,
I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
I shall not be put to shame.**

Date	Mass Time	Intentions of ICC Parishioners	Priest	Feast Day	Activity
Sat. Sept 11	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Fallen Police & Firefighters Colleen Cocoran	Fr. Dismas Fr. Dismas	24th Sunday Dominican Mass	3:00 PM Confessions
Sun. Sept 12	7:30 AM 10:00AM	Myron Breedlove ICC, Healy, Nenana	Fr. Dismas Fr Tom	24th Sunday	Teachers Meet for Class
Mon Sept 13	12:10PM	Dorothy Pickett	Fr. Tom		Legion of Mary 5:30 PM
Tue. Sept 14	12:10PM	Jim Cross	Fr. Tom	Exaltation of the Cross	
Wed Sept 15	5:30 PM	Elizabeth Conn +	Fr. Tom	Our Lady of Sorrows	Adoration 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
Th Sept 16	12:10PM	Myron Breedlove	Fr. Tom	St. Cornelius St. Cyprian	RCIA 7:30 PM SHC
Fri Sept 17	12:10PM	Dorothy Pickett	Fr. Juan	St. Robert Bellarmine	Voices of Wildness 6:30 PM
Sat. Sept 18	4:00 PM	John & Rose Courtney	Fr. Tom	25th Sunday	Confessions 3:00 PM
Sun Sept 19	7:30 AM 10:00AM	Lawarence Rezac + ICC, Healy, Nenana	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom	25th Sunday	Healing Service

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Mason Edwards; Ralph Payner; Rocco Vicari; Jim & Sandy Harity; Rebecca Weatherford and family; Edie Del Cecato; Fred; Drew; Phillip Penpraze; Lily; Luna; Bishop Chad and clergy; Dorothy Stella & family; May Walsh; Claudia Piatt; Gary Jones; Family, Gerry Walsh; Lorraine Salzman, Kay McLevey, John Gregory, Emily, Peggy Mantei, Teri Walsh, Annette Chuckwu and family, Kathy Geco+, Jullian, Bobby & Marlene Masick, Teri Landean, Jos. Luca Comperchio, Tonya Kistner, Ann Canavan, Martin & Amy Moriarty, Dante McNulty, Donna Gutbrod, Mikey Noble, Jordan Williams, Arelene & Hennie Estiamba, Jaylynn, Curtis, Dianna, and Daniel, Debbie, Tom, Tim & Terry McAteer, Joe & Cindy Fields, Mike Sexton, Erna Chlupp, Suki Ahn, Liam McLevey and all names and intentions in our Book of Intentions.



Soup Kitchen

Fruit Cups, Pudding Cups
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who helped out!.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1PbgF_nH_Kdp5JBxzsRaaQhLJc6wbhD4xeS_h674U4g8/edit#gid=956486691

Sept 18, 9:00 AM Volunteer Training for All

Value Village Clothing Drive for Regional Council

Till Oct 12.

Clothing Accessories Linens Curtains Bedding Coats

Please no furniture, books, or heavy items.

Call 907-374-9536 or email: pwalter@cbna.org

Positions available at ICC:

Security Guard for weekends 10:00 AM—1:30 PM

Admin Office Assistant 10-15 hours a week

Admin: 15 hours a week excellent computer skills needed

RCIA

Sept 9 7:30 PM—8:45 PM Sacred Heart

Interested in joining our Catholic Faith?

Interested in learning more about your faith?

Feel Called to walk with Christ the way to Truth and Life?

Come to Sacred Heart Thursdays 7:30 PM

Legion of Mary sponsors Eucharistic Rosary Congress

Oct 1 –3 at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Fr. Hugh Gillespie a DeMonfort Priest from New York offers 4

talks on True Devotion to Our Lady

7:00 PM Oct 1; 10:00 AM Oct 2

7:00 PM Oct 2 3:00 PM Oct 3

On the Importance of Marian Devotion, learning to say

Yes to God's will — not my will.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Sept 24th -Friday 6PM-10PM Journey Church

1201 Hoselton Road. Fairbanks'

Prayer to save lives of the Innocent

Come to participate in the Prayerful Vigil being held

Sept 22-Oct 31st 7am-7pm

Sign-up: @ 40daysforlife.com/en/Fairbanks

Religious Ed Sign UP

<https://forms.gle/GYMeTDNCEuPo2USh7>

Forms are also in the back of church

Teacher Orientation: Sept 12 8:30 AM

First Day of Class Sept 19

Sept 10 5:30 PM Potluck meal at ICC followed by a talk of Fr. Dismas.

**Religious Ed
Timothy Ledna RE Dir.
Immaculate Conception
Catechists will meet at
8:30am this Sunday
September 12, 2021.**

Next Sunday, September 19, 2021, students will be invited to begin attending Religious Education classes at 8:30am.

Registration:

Go to the parish website <https://iccfairbanks.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the home page to find a link for Religious Education registration; or find hard (paper) registration forms at the back of church; or just use this link <https://forms.gle/GYMeTDNCEuPo2US7>

Many Catholics know Religious Education as "CCD". The Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine (CCD) was established to provide religious education to children who were not receiving any education in the Catholic faith through their regular schooling.

The Immaculate Conception Church CCD or Religious Education Program seeks to provide children with a basic or beginning understanding of the Catholic faith that is relevant for their age and maturity level. A more fuller understanding of the faith can only be had over time as children grow and regularly attend Mass, pray,

If you keep your mind active, regularly take on mental challenges, and continually think about the right things, you will develop the disciplined thinking that will help you with whatever you endeavor to do.

— John C. Maxwell —

Hunger for knowledge

A thirst for understanding

This is food for thought

The ultimate end for which all persons are created is to enter into a meaningful relationship with God. This can only be fully realized with an awareness of who God is and who we are as His greatest creation.

The role of the teachers in the Religious Education program is not to replace the role of the parent as the primary educators in the faith, but rather complement and build upon those principles that should be taught at home.

Through instruction, prayer, service projects, activities, and worship, the RE program of ICC will be an invaluable experience for children, allowing them to grow in mind and heart as they walk the path of Christian discipleship begun at their baptism.

As we begin our Religious Ed Program this year, I know it will be challenge as we try to rebuild our parish and program with many parishioners concerned from the various viewpoints on many different issues.

What we hope and our goal focuses on Christ and his desire to create intimate friendships with us inspiring us through the written Word of Scripture and the Real Presence of the Word in the Sacraments.

Whatever struggles and concerns we have ought to lead us deeper into this mystery:

Christ is present to us!

The real question then asks:

Am I present to Christ?

Every day each parishioner ought to engage reading the Word of God. No better reading exists and this year, we are reading the Gospel of Mark and it would enlighten all of us to read commentaries on this Gospel.

Mary Healy wrote an excellent commentary: *The Gospel of Mark* and so did Leroy Huizinga, *Loosing the Lion*.

Soup Kitchen: Update:

Each Month we have training to familiarize our volunteers with the various needs and safety issues here at ICC. Our next training day

Sept 18 9:00 AM

Dealing with the homeless aids people trying to survive. Many live in difficult and dire circumstances which creates a variety of behaviors that easily become defensive and protective.

What we try to offer is food to strengthen their bodies which in turn allows them to feel satisfied physically so they can feel more secure when dealing with others.

It is a paradox. Hungry people become agitated and act out on their emotions. Hunger is not merely physical, but also relational, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Each of us then ought to recognize our hungers.

If we are hungry for meaning, purpose and value in our lives then we look to satisfy those hungers with actions and behaviors that enhance our desire while at the same time satisfying it. As an athlete hungers for success and starts to live a different lifestyle so too we, when we feed our hunger for healthy relationships with others especially our families, when we hunger for emotional stability in dealing with life and life's issues, when we hunger for spiritual hope, we crave all the more those very actions that empower and improve us.

Yet if we fail to satisfy our hunger we become distraught.

Volunteering and working for the homeless satisfies many of our own personal needs: need to serve, need to have a purpose, need to achieve something significant, need to feed our spiritual nature, and our need to build friendships. All these hungers are satisfied when we take our time, talent, and treasure and give to those in need.

"Surround yourself with people who make you hunger for life, touch your heart, and nourish your soul."

Honor-Shame-Honor

Shame rapes us of humanness. It vilifies our very self. We become the enemy and our enemies raise their venom inflicting shame upon us, destroying any honor declaring us to be pure shame.

The ancient world, so too our secular world, live by this code: Honor versus Shame. Women who have been raped commit suicide to restore their honor. The Roman noble woman, Lucretia raped by the son of the Roman king, Sextus Tarquin, committed suicide to restore her honor.

This honor-shame code continues today. Terrorism exemplifies the honor-shame code. Women to protect their man will commit the vilest of acts so that they may maintain their honor despite the debased acts of their husband. How many spouses protect their family name, denying the fact their spouse or child is addicted.

The honor-shame code rules our lives. Even in our personal lives, we excuse ourselves denying our dreadful behaviors blaming, accusing, and shirking personal responsibility. The wake left after our denial leaves others, especially those whom we love, who befriended us, sacrificed for us, wounded, shattered, even dead. Read the Scriptures, listen:

Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me

(Ps. 41:9).

People lift their heel against loved ones, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers. Listen to Jesus (Lk 12:53):

They will be divided, father against son, son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

Allow the light and the healing presence of Christ to shine brightly through your lives. In that way, all those who come in contact with you will discover the loving kindness of God.

Pope John Paul II

**BEHOLD, I WILL CREATE
NEW HEAVENS AND
A NEW EARTH.
THE FORMER THINGS
WILL NOT BE
REMEMBERED.**

ISAIAH 65:17

Yet, history reveals a dramatic change. A new teaching came into being. As a person chooses to become a eunuch for the sake of the kingdom, a drastic new teaching never heard of before; so too shame becomes sin and honor becomes mercy.

Instead of living the honor-shame code, Jesus teaches the sin-grace code. When someone sins against us and shames us, dishonoring our very core, Jesus commands mercy — not punishment. Jesus teaches a new way of thinking. Instead of an eye for an eye, He teaches unconditional mercy: Do not resist the one who is evil. Love your enemies. Do good to those who do evil. If you want to be perfect, you must show mercy to the sinner. You are to show forgiveness to those who hate you, persecute you, falsely accuse you of all sorts of calumny (Matt 5)

This divine code, the extreme opposite of the human code, is the cross of Christ. He takes upon Himself the sins of the world. He is buffeted, scourged, reviled, pierced, and killed. Yet, by his shame, our sins are forgiven. By his wounds, we are healed (Is 53).

The crucifixion of Christ, the most shameful execution in which a person is dehumanized, completely devoid of any semblance of humanity, becomes the very means by which our humanity — our shame — is restored.

This reversal, this paradox, completely contradicts our way of thinking. As men and women who seek to save their honor at any cost, even the cost of the most cruel and violent of acts, Jesus embraces the dishonor, his cross and crucifixion, to redeem our fallen disgraced human state.

This of course is the paradox of the cross, our cross. Our sin, our shame, absolutely deserves destruction. Sin creates mayhem not only personally but socially. Each sin of every person ought to be punished and the person committing the sin, annihilated for our sin shames not only another, not only ourselves, but shames the very person who created us.

Yet, because of divine love which combats sin, shame, and vengeance, Jesus forgives us of our sin, heals us of any and all shame, and restores our dignity as a human person, by become the servant who suffers in place of the sinner.

Jesus becomes the victim without becoming victimized. He becomes the object of the dominators and persecutors who attack with vile and venom only to detoxify their hatred. He becomes the servant, suffering every sort of evil, to heal his master: us.

The cross and crucifixion glorifies Him for although He was a victim of shame, He took upon Himself all shame and sin and exchanges it with his divinity.

The cross of Christ, which He invites us to take up ourselves, that is to die to our sinfulness and to embrace our shame and even the dishonor others infect us with, so we imitate Him.

We, too, die a shameful death as we stand with Christ following his way and not the way of the world. His way embraces the shame the world imposes upon us. His way embraces the cross, that is the death of the honor-shame code, and replaces it with forgiveness and pleas for grace and mercy. His way is not our way, but his way leads to eternal life. Our way, the way of honor and shame, leads to death.

His way is not cheap. His way demands real sacrifice. His way calls us to a divine way of living. That is why we, along with Paul declare (Gal 2:20):

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

**Terri A.
Business Manager**

COVID is still an active intruder, we have made many challenges and changes because of COVID. It is still a concern.

If you feel safer wearing a mask in church, please continue to do so.

The soup kitchen continues to be served out of the window instead of coming into Murphy hall. We are still serving 5 days a week, with the Angels in Motion doing a meal on Monday's.

Murphy Hall is open after masses for parish members to enjoy. Due to many factors, safety, security, and protection, we decided to keep our soup kitchen working as it is rather than have the homeless come into our building.

We also put up signs on our doors stating our bathrooms are closed to the public, due to COVID.

The increased security cameras are complete and working well. We usually keep the doors to the office locked due to increased problems with people coming into that area causing problems.

If you need assistance or want to drop off a donation, please call us and let us know.

One thing I want to stress to everyone, is to make sure you are situational aware. Being aware of our surroundings and letting people know you are aware of them helps with security.

We will also be changing the locks to all the doors this fiscal year. We are doing this as we do not have an accurate account of who has keys to our building. This too will help secure our building.

Don't be afraid to
CHANGE.

You may lose something good but you may gain something better.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO
BE GREAT TO SERVE
BUT YOU HAVE TO
SERVE TO BE GREAT.**

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Financial loss is a major concern for me because I am the accountant. Some of our safety measures include locks on our collection boxes, a new safe to store the money from the time of collection until it can be counted, secure offering bags for all collections.

We have three counters and rotate them, so the same people are not counting all the time. Also, two people are needed to collect all the money. We could still use another volunteer.

Counter help Monday mornings with the collection, if you would like to volunteer for counting, please call Terri at the office and I will set you up.

I am very glad that we are headed in the right direction, with security, we already have in place many of the recommended items for keeping our church and all members safe.

The more prepared we are, the better. Even with the steps we have taken, there is more to be done and we cannot forget that. If you see any areas of safety which concern you, please let the office know so we can correct the area.

Thank you all for your generous support and encouragement. We continue to expand and thrive and it is because of your faithfulness and commitment to our parish that we continue to grow in faith, friendship and love.

Job Opening:

Admin: Immaculate Conception seeks an individual well versed in computer skills (Office 365, Facebook, web page design) along with administrative skills (filing, organizing, communicating, and planning) as well as simple bookkeeping, record keeping, and data entry.

Job parttime 10 -15 hours a week. Must be available on Monday Mornings

Applicants should be competent collaborative, cooperative, and have an eye for details.

Applicants need to support the mission of Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

Please send resume to: iccsecretary2@cbna.org
Or call: 907-452-3533

Security Guard

Job Description:

Weekends 10:00 AM—2:00 PM flexible hours. To maintain and patrol the grounds ensuring safety and protection of all. Includes light maintenance and housekeeping. Send resume to iccsecretary2@cbna.org or call 907-452-3533 and ask for Terri.

Here at Immaculate Conception we have a variety of challenges due to the location and our soup kitchen. Yet this challenge only encourages all of us to be more vigilant and aware so we can protect everyone, not only our children, but the vulnerable adults and our parishioners.

In security people thrive and our aim is to create a thriving program so everyone feels safe.

3 KEYS to a Happier Life:

LOVE without expectation.

SERVE without wanting recognition.

CARE even if others don't.

#LoveServeCare



Religious Education:

We want to introduce to you Timothy Ledna, new REC. He is also a part-time Spanish Teacher at Monroe and part-time Parish Coordinator for Ft. Wainwright (Good Shepherd). We thank him for his enthusiasm and expertise.



Religious Ed Begins **September 12 following** **the 7:30 AM Mass.**

This will be a teacher meeting only. The following week, we will have students attend class. This will be K—8th grade.

Forms in back of Church or

Sign up online at: <https://forms.gle/GYMeTDNCEuPo2USh7>

Confirmation Class

Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:45
Begins September 22nd— May 2022.

If you have any families that would like to register online they can do so at or fill out form in back of Church sacredheartak.org/confirmation or call (907) 474-9032 .

RCIA

Sept 9 at 7:30 PM—8:45PM at the Cathedral.

Robert Bernard leads the classes

Classes from September to April help discern your call to become Catholic and how as a Catholic you will use your gifts in the Church.

Totally Catholic: Why Am I?

The first lesson we explore in our faith asks WHY? Why do I exist? What is my purpose for being? Every person wants to know the purpose of life. It is the essence of our existence. Why am I here?

The answer is simple. To search and seek knowledge. Designed, we seek and search for knowledge, but not any type of knowledge. We want truth, the truth of who I am. We want the truth of why I am.

The answer, as many Catholics are taught, I am made to love, serve and obey God in this life so I can be forever blessed in the next.

Yet, we need more than a definition. We need the experiences of love. We need to sacrifice and serve others who cannot respond. We, like Jesus, learn to obey when challenged by life and the difficulties that come from commitments, promises, and vows.

The why of who I am expresses itself when we love the other, even the most difficult ones in our lives. Love then becomes the focus and center of every action and thought. Love is our nature, love is our fulfillment. Love completes us and completed we must give love away.

Serving as Jesus tells us: I did not come to be served but to serve. To empty ourselves of ourselves. No greater act of service, no greater image can be expressed than when a woman nurtures and nurses her child. She empties herself completely only to be filled by this self-emptying.

Loving and serving lead to obedience. Not because we have to, but we want to. Obedience following our nature: what am I? reveals we are creatures that love. Every thought, deed, and word express love and when they are rightly aligned through obedience, we thrive.

Obedience to love empowers and strengthens our love which instills in us a self-emptying, a service to others, for when we serve others we find why we exist. We exist solely to find love. This is the secret wisdom that only comes from Christ who commands us to love as He loves us.

Religious Education

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 6:00 PM

St. Mark University Parish

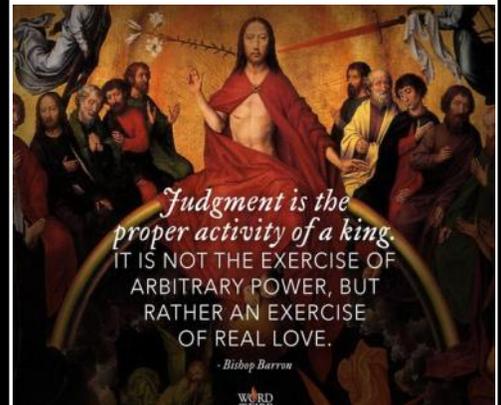
Sun. 5:30 PM at Sacred Heart

Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

9:00 AM Sunday

Our Lady of Snows, Eielson AFB

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



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

St. Nicholas

Wednesday 6:30PM- 7:00 PM
M.T. Th. F. 8:30 AM

UP COMING EVENTS

Schedule of Events:

- Sept 16** 6:30 PM — 8:00 PM RCIA
Sept 12 Religious Ed begins (teachers only)
Sept 18 9:00 AM Training for Volunteers for ICC. All volunteers are asked to take this training.
Sept 19 12:00 PM Healing Service
Sept 22—Oct 31 40 Days for Life
Oct 1—3 Eucharistic Rosary Congress Friday and Saturday Night all night adoration.
Oct 8 5:30 PM Potluck and Talk Fr. Dismas
Oct 9 6:30 PM Dominican Rite Mass

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Results

Becoming a person of integrity includes failure. Yet, when we look at the results of our failures we become ashamed, dejected, and most significantly, we become demoralized. We are broken. Yet, failure as many successful people tell us makes us successful. How?

In failing we have many lessons to learn. We examine, seek to understand the causes, and then learn from our mistakes.

Winners, those who get results, accept the reality: they failed. Yet, they take ownership of their mistakes — sins — and confront the reasons and causes that led to those mistakes.

Winners look for character flaws, that is I look at my ability to deal with the demands of reality. Realists know when failure takes place. Realists examine the causes and get to the root, not the superficial symptoms that so many people accept as the cause. Realists embrace the hard facts: the damage done, defense mechanisms used, rejection of support and input from others, lack of communication, blindness to beliefs and behaviors that caused this and finally realists change.

Perseverance the powerful virtue that Jesus tells us we need, pushes us forward. We engage, battle, create optimism, endure the hardships, and most importantly have indomitable hope. Things will change, they will get better. This too — failure — will pass.

"The Mature one carries the optimism inside and knows there will be another day, but only after she has fully lived this one" (Integrity, Henry Cloud, p 165).

Failure confronts the blame, protests, and accusations and asks what can I do to change to change the direction of the situation. No longer do we fear failure but come to realize that embracing our failures, we get real results: We get healed.

Voice in the Wilderness Charismatic Prayer

Invites you to join us

Friday, 6:30 PM

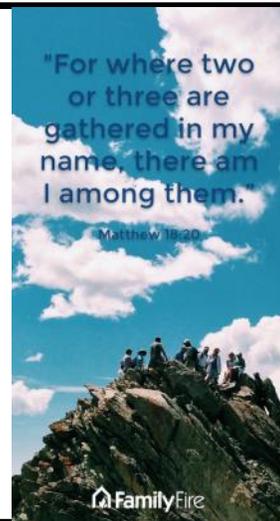
At ICC Living Room
 As we express our love for God through praise and worship

Contact :

Joe Malen 388-2550
 Ann Dobbs 479-8567

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:20



FamilyFire

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?



"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!"

**LORD, YOU ESTABLISH
 PEACE FOR US;
 ALL THAT WE HAVE
 ACCOMPLISHED YOU
 HAVE DONE FOR US.**

ISAIAH 26:12



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