

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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

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

**9.26.2021**

## Twenty-Fifth 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.

**Treasures?**

Our true treasure is wisdom, more precious than anything for it is the source of everything. Yet, our world buys the lie that possessions and pleasures which money and power buys is the greatest treasure. Wealth becomes our treasure!

True treasure never comes from an object. Wisdom never seeks that which is inanimate. True treasure is alive, rooted in a person, a friendship, a relationship in which one shares their inmost being. Wisdom's greatest power comes from the exchange of thoughts that two people expose. This unveiling becomes so intimate, so powerful that wisdom herself is a person, Lady Wisdom as we read in Proverbs 31.

***Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,  
 but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.***

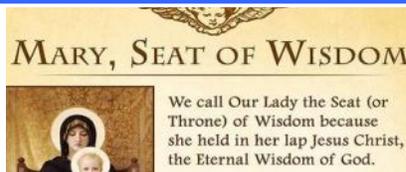
True wisdom, our treasure, is fear of the Lord, not servile fear in which we believe we are punished, but reverential fear in which we respect and honor the relationship with our Lord protecting it from every corruption or defilement.

James warns us of false wisdom, Lady Folly, the prostitute who sells herself for earthly gain. Lady Wisdom a gift of the Holy Spirit receives heavenly praise.

**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**	\$4,540.01
Over/<Under> Weekly Budget	\$<2,111.78>
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$79,861.48
Year-to-Date Actual Collections	\$75,993.59
Over/<Under> Yearly Budget	<\$3,867.89>
Expenses Budgeted for the year	\$79,861.48
Expenses for the year to date	\$51,643.23

**The fear of the LORD is pure,  
 enduring forever;  
 the ordinances of the LORD  
 are true, all of them just.**



**No one who performs a  
 mighty deed in my name  
 Who can at the same time  
 speak ill of me.**

Date	Mass Time	Intentions of ICC Parishioners	Priest	Feast Day	Activity
Sat. Sept 25	4:00 PM	Minnie O'Reilly	Fr. Tom Fr. Robert	26th Sunday	3:00 PM Confessions
Sun. Sept 26	7:30 AM 10:00AM	ICC, Healy, Nenana Lawrence Rezac	Fr. Tom Fr Tom	26th Sunday	Relg Ed. 8:30 AM
Mon Sept 27	12:10PM	Lore Russel	Fr. Tom	St. Vincent de Paul	Legion of Mary 5:30 PM
Tue. Sept 28	12:10PM	Colleen Corcoran	Fr. Tom	St. Wenceslaus	
Wed Sept 29	5:30 PM	Lawrence Rezac	Fr. Tom	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	Adoration/Confessions 6:00 PM—7:00 PM
Th Sept 30	12:10PM	Lawrence Rezac	Fr. Tom	St. Jerome	RCIA 7:30 PM SHC
Fri Oct 1	12:10PM 6:00 PM	Irene Corcoran Family Isaac Corcoran	Fr. Juan Fr. Hugh Gillespie	St. Theresa First Friday	Eucharistic Rosary Congress All Night Adoration SHC
Sat. Oct 2	7:00AM 4:00 PM	Casimar Corcoran Leo O'Donnell +	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom	First Saturday Mass 26th Sunday	All Day Adoration SHC Confessions 3:00 PM
Sun Oct 3	7:30 AM 10:00AM	B.J. Cortez + Mary McGovern	Fr. Tom Fr. Tom	27th Sunday	Relg Ed 8:30 AM

**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!.*

**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**

**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**

**RCIA Thursday's: 7:30 PM—8:45 PM Sacred Heart**

## **Business Manager: Terri**

Every business ought to nurture inclusion in the workplace and make sure their employees feel included. Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) is the term for this.

Inclusion does not mean if someone does not perform well, they can be overlooked because they have a different background. All employees must be treated fairly.

Employers set the culture and ensure employees are treated fairly. Sadly, we see statistics like this:

76% of Black working Americans likely leave work feeling exhausted.

54% of workers report being treated unfairly because of race or ethnicity.

53% Working Americans leave jobs because of their manager.

Every business, especially our Catholic Church, ensures their workplace culture respects the dignity of each person.

In Alaska, we have a diverse population and need to include all. Natives are a large percentage and being inclusive helps keep them engaged.

As leaders of businesses, we need to make sure our Catholic culture respects the dignity of the person, especially if an employee treats others badly. This behavior needs to be addressed immediately and corrective measures enforced before it creates serious problems and accusations.

**We need a zero tolerance policy to any harassment or abuse.**

If the problem gets bigger, legal action and lawsuit occur.

Many stories abound as in a Latin-American woman working in a production company complained to her manager because she was being treated badly by male employees. Her manager did nothing, so did his supervisor. This escalated into a sexual harassment case because the managers tolerated harassment. The behavior escalated and a lawsuit followed. This happens when the Church does not take these complaints seriously.

## WHAT SMART EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW

- Everyone understands what harassment is.
- Have a good, clear policy in place.
- Train now. Train again later.
- Especially, train the supervisors.

### **Religious Ed** **Timothy Ledna RE Dir.**

Our first day of class was a success. We expected 6 students and some 20 students attended. It was an unexpected blessing.

I want to thank everyone for coming and helping with the first day of class. We keep attendance and ask that you bring your child on time for each class. Also if you know if your child will be missing send me and email so I can let the teacher know.

### **Safe Sunday**

We have a zero tolerance policy for abuse but do we know what abuse is? Many think abuse is hitting and screaming. Yet, most abuse begins as slights that cut, with words and comments. Verbal abuse is mental abuse; it is as bad as physical.

Harassment grows and if tolerated it easily becomes physical along threats and false accusations.

Sometimes the verbal abuse forces a person to do things against their will which of course leads to shame and embarrassment.

Most abusers appear kind, gentle, and compassionate. They are gracious and usually appear respectful. Of course others obviously display disturbed behaviors, but for the most part abusers are respected.

Today, our culture sees an increase of those who display narcissistic tendencies, sociopathic actions, and harassment. Most adults struggle with a person who manipulates, deceives, and coerces our behaviors crossing the lines of decency and dignity.

If adults struggle how much more so our children. Because of this increase, we train children and adults to recognize the first signs of harassment so that it does not grow and become full, outright abuse.

Any act that makes you feel uncomfortable needs to be addressed immediately so that it stops. Zero tolerance protects and stops behaviors that create deep wounds.

## **Soup Kitchen: Update:**

Our soup kitchen the heart of our ministry outreach served 687 meals last week with volunteers donating 65 hours.

What we need for our soup kitchen these upcoming weeks:

### KITCHEN ITEMS

- ◆ Fresh fruits
- ◆ Fresh vegetables
- ◆ Eggs (fresh or hard-boiled)
- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Individual bags of chips
- ◆ Granola bars
- ◆ Applesauce cups
- ◆ Pudding cups
- ◆ Hot cocoa mix
- ◆ Coffee grounds
- ◆ Black tea bags
- ◆ Ziploc bags, sandwich-sized
- ◆ Ziploc bags, snack-sized
- ◆ Disposable forks
- ◆ Disposable spoons
- ◆ Small napkins

### CLOTHING ITEMS

- ◆ Socks
- ◆ Warm hats
- ◆ Hooded sweatshirts
- ◆ Coats
- ◆ Gloves
- ◆ Warm pants
- ◆ Snow gear

It is a blessing that we serve others for in our serving them we are served by Christ Himself.

This wonderful exchange transforms us as we no longer live according to our vision, but we focus on God's vision for us.

Vision is essential for spiritual growth. Our eyes look upon the needs and we use our time, talent, and treasure to meet those needs. Doing this transforms our hearts for we no longer focus on ourselves, but focus on others, whoever they are!

“Feeding one person is one thousand times more valuable than feeding a thousand—because it’s personal. Whom does God need you to care for today?”

MATTHEW WARNER  
Taken from *Messy & Foolish*

## **The Spirit of Ecstasy**

***Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit*** (Eph 5:18).

In ecstasy, we come out of ourselves. The contrast, however becomes clear when we ask what creates the ecstasy? Is it physical ecstasy that happens as when we drink alcohol or is it spiritual ecstasy because we drink of the Holy Spirit.

The contrast is clear: when we drink, become intoxicated whether through alcohol, drugs, sex, or any stimulant, we are no longer ourselves. We are debauched. No longer do we control our thoughts or actions; and in essence, alcohol — any sin — stupefies our actions. Drinking, anything that takes away our reason and willpower, makes us stupid. It leads to hell.

Hell is not a place per se it is state of being: traumatized. We live overwhelmed by danger. We are powerless: out of control; and fear runs through our being. In a sense, sin possess us and we are powerless over it.

### **Ask anyone steeped in sin!**

Why is hell a state of being? We have lost the source of our being, God. We no longer have the divine power dwelling within to combat the evils we face. We live by fear not by courage.

Hell experiences the loss of our God and we abandon trust. Heaven, remaining in the presence of God, we have safety and security for we know God protects us. We have power and are empowered for God gives us his strength. We are fearless as Jesus tells us Do not be afraid!

Becoming secure, empowered, and fearless, we drink in the Holy Spirit. Now we literally cut ourselves free from the roots of trauma: our undisciplined senses, frayed emotions, and the lust of our eyes.

Trauma is a result of an overwhelming sense of danger, powerlessness, and fear.

Healing is a result of feeling safe, empowered, and supported.

Intoxicated by God's presence, we experience ecstasy, not the ecstasy of escape: sin makes us escape from the dangers, powerlessness, and fears through our faulty passions, but the ecstasy of the Spirit. We are not stupefied as drugs and alcohol make us, but we elevate to another plane intoxicated by the presence of God dwelling within us. In his power, we do great works in God's name.

Alcohol lowers our ability to reason feeling the power and presence of Satan and the trauma he wants to inflict upon us.

Drinking of the Spirit, however, heightens our reason so we live by divine inspiration. Instead of becoming less than human, becoming beastly, losing control over our passions and emotions. Drinking of the Spirit, we become supernatural living through divine inspiration. Heightened, the Spirit empowers us to cast out demons, confront our sins, control our passions, and live in the power and presence of God's Spirit.

Discerning the spirit we follow the inspiration. Look at the changes that happen in our lives. Renewal in the Spirit changes us and we become doers of the law, that is we spread love. We bring peace, kindness, and goodness to others. We speak words of wisdom and encouragement. We touch others and they experience God's dignity. We no longer act under our spirit, but the Holy Spirit acts through us.

Our lives dramatically change, no longer addicted to sin and strife, no longer traumatized: bonded to danger, powerlessness and fears; we, empowered by God's power, act freely, for the inspirations of the Holy Spirit unleash incredible power to destroy the trauma of sin within us. We no longer live in hell, fearful. We live in heaven fearless because we actualize the graces given to us at our baptism.

This renewal of Spirit is not a new baptism, but the fire received at baptism begins to burn brightly within our hearts. In turn, not only are we sanctified, this is what baptism objectively does, but now we personally respond saying yes glorifying God by our works of mercy. Our treasure is God's love and willingly we share that love without cost, without fear.

This actualization of grace unlocks the charisms given at our baptism. We fully engage in the sanctifying power of the Spirit and allow the Spirit to guide as we confront the dangers, attacks, and fears in our lives. We counter Satan and his addictive seductions with purity, humility, and docility.

Dramatically changed, we too do works of wonder as we read about in the Scriptures. We follow the current of grace flowing in our lives so others see that Christ is working through us.

As Eldad and Medad started prophesizing, although they were outside the group, the Spirit came down upon them. So too the Apostles saw some not of their group, casting out demons, Jesus warns them not to stifle the Spirit working through them.

How many times do we stifle the Spirit trying to work in our lives, in our family, and friends because we limit the Spirit. We live in trauma instead of power. Redirecting us, Paul vigorously encourages us to live in the Spirit, not stifle the Spirit through our own sinfulness, the cause of most of the trauma we endure.

***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.***

(1 Thes 5:16– 22).

### **This is traumatic:**

- Injustice
- Witnessing violence
- Hearing about violence
- Not being heard
- Being ignored
- Being silenced
- Being told (or shown) that you are not valued
- Having the same thing happen over and over
- People telling you, "calm down" when you have a valid reason to be upset

IN CHRIST'S HUMAN NATURE, THE HUMANITY IN WHICH WE ALL SHARE HAS ENTERED INTO THE INNER LIFE OF GOD IN A NEW AND HITHERTO UNHEARD OF WAY. IT MEANS THAT HUMANITY HAS FOUND AN EVERLASTING PLACE IN GOD.

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Each of us have drunk of the Holy Spirit. At our baptism and confirmation, we were overshadowed with the power and presence of God as was Mary. The Spirit came down upon us so we could do great works in his name. So we ask, what great works am I doing in the Spirit?

Infusion of the Spirit leads to enthusiasm for Christ. *En theos* the Greek root of enthusiasm literally means to be in God. Enthusiasm creates power: Divine power when we imbibe of the Holy Spirit. If we drink of the worldly spirit, we oppose God.

If we live in the Spirit of God, enthused by the grace, we declare and proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord (I Cor. 12:2-3).

***When you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says***

***"Jesus is accursed!"***

***no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.***

Jesus already declared this, **No one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me** (Mk 9:39),

If we are living in our own personal sin, indulging in the lusts of the flesh, the politics of world, and even evil himself, we intoxicate ourselves and live beastly lives and cannot proclaim Jesus is Lord, even if we pretend to do so. Yet, if we rejoice, pray, give thanks especially in difficulties we know we live in the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul VI in light of St. John XXII asked for a New Pentecost that is a new release of the Spirit already given to the Church at Pentecost. This "New Pentecost" recognizes the power of his grace within and then actualizes this power when we read through the Scriptures. So writes St. Paul VI:

**All around you there are people who are hurting, people who need your love, people who need your encouragement. Let God use your gifts and talents to bless them.**



**The Church needs her perennial Pentecost; she needs fire in her heart, words on her lips, prophecy in her outlook. [...] The Church needs to rediscover the eagerness, the taste and the certainty of the truth that is hers [...] And then the Church needs to feel flowing through all her human faculties a wave of love, of that love which is called forth and poured into our hearts 'by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us' (Romans 5.5)"** (Paul VI, Discourse 29 Nov 1972).

The power and presence of the Holy Spirit given to us through the intercession of Jesus, frees us from the trauma that enslaves us in sin, lusting for the treasures of this world which never satisfy and leave us damned forever in the next world: divorced from God.

Hell, that place of everlasting danger, powerlessness, and fear, becomes our stepping stone to break free. Freed we live in the Spirit.

The grace of the Spirit sanctifies us giving us the power to do what the apostles did. We cast out demons in his name. We heal the broken shattered lives giving them hope and healing. We minister to the needy giving them food, friendship, and faith. we comfort the sick and dying. We do to the least of our brethren what Christ did for us.

**We pray in the Spirit and praise God with all our hearts.**

Consecrated, we are set apart by the Spirit invoking the Spirit to come down and refresh our lives. We know, that same Spirit does not merely and awakening the Spirit in us, but consecrates us: set ourselves apart, to become the vessels and chalices overflowing with grace so others may see Christ working in us.

Seeing the power of the Spirit working in us, others filled with wonder and awe at what we do, ask: How do you do what you do? They see us filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, people will see and want to walk by the same Spirit abiding in us!

## **Job Opening:**

### **Job Description: Security Guard**

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](mailto: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.

Repentance involves a change of heart and a desire to forsake sin and serve God. It involves humbly yielding to the Spirit and submitting to God's will. It requires that people increase their commitment to live in agreement with God's will. Repentance requires a sincere and lasting change of thoughts, desires, habits, and actions.

**Religious Education:  
Religious Ed Begins  
September 19 following the  
7:30 AM Mass.**

Sign up online at:

<https://forms.gle/GYMeTDNCEuPo2USh7>

We begin our Religious Ed Program rebuilding. We encourage parents to bring their students to class on Sundays from 8:30—9:45 AM. Thank you for your cooperation so we assist parents keeping our faith alive in their hears.



# Religious Education

**Confirmation Class**

Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:45  
Begins Sept 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](http://sacredheartak.org/confirmation) or call (907) 474-9032 .

**RCIA**

**Sept 30 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: What has God Revealed?**

Revelation, the translation of the word, apocalypse, means unveiling. Revelation as defined in the Catechism states:

**Little by little, by actions and words,**

**God has revealed the mystery of who he is (CCC #69).**

God's goal, the ultimate purpose of revelation seeks to dwell — live — with us. He desperately wants a relationship with us and that relationship is covenantal: bride to bridegroom.

Covenants are intimate family, marital bonds in which both persons freely and willingly give themselves to each other. Throughout the Old Testament, we read of these unique characters in covenant with God: Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob and Rebekah, Moses, and David and Bathsheba in which God calls to continue and strengthen the covenantal bond. Each of these covenants foreshadow the ultimate covenant that God wants with us his people: the Christian Covenant.

God foreshadows the New and Everlasting Covenant with these Old Testament Covenants helping us to understand Jesus inviting us into personal and covenantal relationship with Him as seen in the Passover.

Covenantal theology or the study of God through these unique bonds explains the difference between Catholicism and most other Christian denominations. Catholicism is purely covenantal and the ultimate covenant God made with us his people, that is his Church, is the Eucharist: the New and Everlasting Covenant.

The Eucharist, better called the New Passover, ties together all the Old Testament covenants showing the depth and breadth God goes to unite Himself with his people. He gave his all, his only begotten Son to break us free from sin — bondage to Satan — and the consequences of sin: death.

Jesus reveals, unveils this New Covenant Passover: to partake of this Passover eating his body, drinking his blood which was offered to the Father for us to give us eternal life. This is why we want to partake in this New Passover because it unites his heart — life — with ours.

**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

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
Lamb's blood	Christ's blood
Protection from disaster	Eternal life
Freedom from slavery	Forgiveness of sins

**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 22—Oct 31** 40 Days for Life  
**Sept 30** 6:30 PM — 8:00 PM RCIA  
**Oct 1—3** Eucharistic Rosary Congress Friday 6:00 PM Mass followed by adoration through Sunday Morning. Fr. Hugh G. talks 7:00 PM Fri, 9:30 AM & 7:00PM Sat, 3:00 PM Sunday.  
**Oct 5th Voting Day**  
**Oct 9 6:30** PM Dominican Rite Mass at Sacred Heart  
**Oct 23 6:30 PM** Extra Ordinary Form Mass Sacred Heart

## Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, Fraternity in our Lord The World's largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization.

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- Prayer and virtuous lifestyle by example
- It supports our parishes and diocese

**Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes**

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## My Why Reveals My Character

Why am I doing what I am doing? Every morning we get up and begin our day. Do I think of the reasons why I get out of bed? Why I go to work, why I eat? Why am I married? Most importantly, do I ask, What my ultimate purpose is?

Living for the here and now creates a much different why than living for the here after. Many are worldly centered; some are heavenly focused. Those living centered upon the here and now live according to the Ptolemaic Theory: the earth is the center of the universe, which translates, I am the center of the my universe. I live according to my perspective rather than the Copernicus Theory of the Universe: the sun is the center which translates: we follow the Light of Christ.

Many see their faith as their center, but their faith is self-centered. It stores up treasures for myself not for God. I seek my comfort and become complacent: mediocre. I limit myself with my desires forgetting to ask what is God's desire for me.

Asking ourselves why I do what I do requires reflection, an examination of conscience to discern and determine which theory I choose to live. Do I live making myself the center: feasting on my desires; or do I live making God the center of my life, following his way, letting Jesus lead the way.

When we step back and focus on our past when we look at the fruits of our labors, the fruits from our relationships, friendships, the wake left behind, what do I see? . Those who serve God first, give, improve, they empower, they sacrifice, they heal. They give to others their time, talent, and treasure. They spend themselves for the good of the other. Their treasure is the other. The Why of their life reveals character: Who the person is.

**Finding our why we find our way! Jesus is our way!  
He leads me to eternal Truth, Life, and Love!**

## 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!"

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