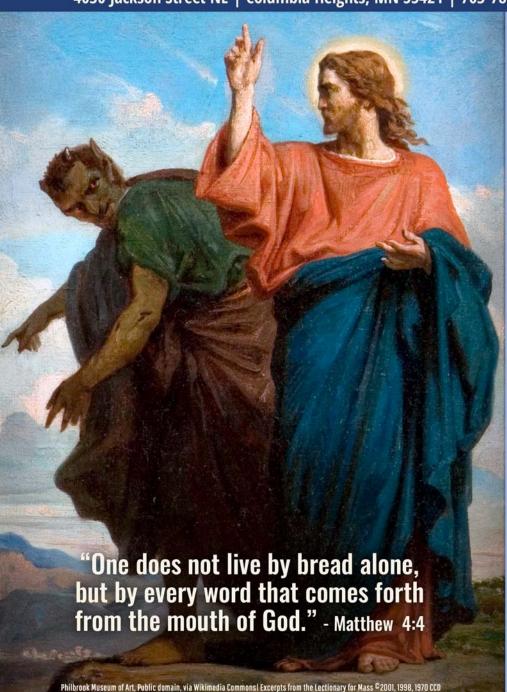


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February 26, 2023

First Sunday of LENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:30 am
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Friday 7:30 am
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Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am

(Spanish) 11:30 am

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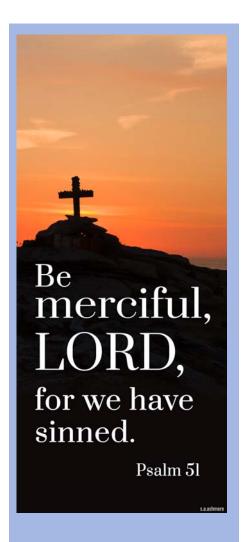
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The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.



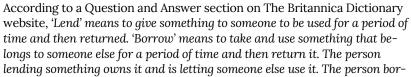
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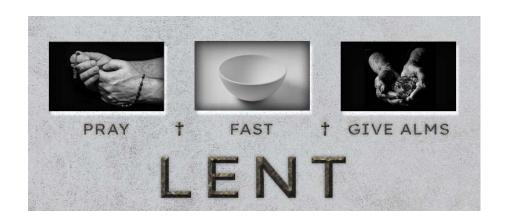




rowing something does not own it and will give it back when they are done using it. (www.britannica.com/dictionary/eb/qa/Lend-vs-Borrow)

Based on that logic does it mean that during this 40+ say season the Lord has "Lent" us this special time as a privileged opportunity to grow in His Grace and we are borrowing this time for a particular purpose? That would be quite fitting since this is meant to be a time of prayerful preparation for the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Suffering, Death, and Resurrection. As the saying goes this side of Heaven "we're on borrowed time" from the Lord who is Timeless. May these days be a fruitful time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and growth in discipleship for us who are grateful borrowers from our generous Lender.

Fr. James



This Week's Readings

Sunday, February 26, 1st Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday, February 27, St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 28

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 1

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 2

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 4, St. Casimir

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 5, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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Eucharistic Adoration

"One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4).

During this Lenten season of prayer and fasting, this passage from today's Gospel speaks to all of us. We can use this Lent to become more familiar with God's word by reading the Bible, and in our chapel we have Bibles available for use during an adoration hour. In our quiet, peaceful Eucharistic Adoration Chapel adorers can read the word of God and concentrate on what is being said. You are invited to spend some time in our chapel and to sign up for an hour of adoration. I challenge you to try it for only the six weeks of Lent, see how it goes, and then determine if you want to become a permanent adorer. Our chapel is available to everyone, Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and is the perfect place for quiet prayer.

We are always looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Wednesdays at 8:00 am, Thursdays at 8:00 am, and Fridays at 2:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm. If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled hour, or have questions about adoration, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

CCW News

Mary's Way of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross as seen through Mary's eyes, will be held in the church on Friday, March 3 at 2:00 pm. Join us for this prayerful walk with our Blessed Mother Mary as she followed her Son to Calvary.

Social Justice Ministry



Feed My Starving Children

The IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us to help collect funds for Feed My Starving Children.

Ways to Help:

- M&Ms fill the tube program: Tubes will be available (while they last) in the church narthex and parish office. Please return on or before Palm Sunday, April 2 filled with \$14 in quarters, bills or check. (We will provide a basket in the narthex each Sunday for returns).
- Cash Contribution: If writing a check please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Checks written to Feed My Starving Children will not go toward the fundraiser. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass, in the envelope provided or an envelope clearly marked: Feed My Starving Children.
- Pray for all those who are hungry.

Minnesota FoodShare

We will be collecting the month of March. All collected goods and cash donations go to SACA.

(Practicing) Catholic

Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of paczki, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — submit to me, and you will have the whole world — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

"The gift is not like the transgression." – Romans 5:15

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman| @LPi

The Week Ahead

Sunday, February, 26 ICS Raffle Ticket Sales7:30 am - 11:30 am
CCW Butter Braid Sale7:30 am - 11:30 am
Tuesday, February 28 Charismatic Prayer Group7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 1 Faith Formation Mass6:45 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, March 3 Soup Lunch11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday, March 4 CCW Butter Braid Sale4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Sunday, March 5 CCW Butter Braid Sale7:30 am - 11:30 am

Fellowship Sunday 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at $763-788-9062 \times 212$. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Wayne Hogan, Barbara Robertson and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain, Paul Bona, Tom Botzet, Vickie Botzet, Kathy Fraser, Mary Fredenburg, Shawn Frederixon, Brian Gourley, Irene Gray, Vince Hendren, Jim Johnson, Teresa Julkowski, Len Jurek, Marge Klimek, Linda Kosloski, Joan Landberg, Anna Larson, Steven Lauinger, Michael Lawrence, Coletta Legatt, Tom Leight Sr., Janet Mihalik, Shawn Moulzolf, Joan Pyka, Dianne Redman, Barb Robertson, Greg Sery, Martha Stwora, Elaine Thunstrom, Skippy Viloria, Lois Weyers, Joan Wehlage, and all those on our prayer chain

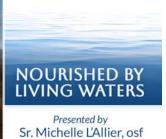
If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Soup Lunch

On Friday, March 3 join us between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm for soup (Tomato Basil, Clam Chowder and Vegetable), bread, crackers, coffee, and fellowship—and stay for Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm. All you can eat—free will offerings accepted.

Women's Lenten Retreat - Saturday, March 18





Registration is due on March 10. Registration forms are available at all entrances of the church or download online at parish.iccsonline.org. For more information please contact Diane Tieden at 612-916-8365 or Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062.

Dear Visitor,

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at $763-788-9062 \times 212$.

Parish News

Catholic Services Appeal

Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal supports an array of ministries that include pro-life, seminarian support, Catholic education, services to those most in need and Synod evangelistic priorities in the building up of our local church. Please prayerfully consider making a gift that will impact the lives of so many people throughout the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis through your abundant generosity. To learn more about the Catholic Services Appeal please visit the CSAF website CSAF | Catholic Services Appeal Foundation (csafspm.org).



IC Needs YOU!

As we prepare to celebrate our Centennial, IC is looking for women and men of all ages to become a part of our Grounds and Maintenance Committee (IC-GMC). This group will work directly with our Director of Operations and Maintenance Supervisor to develop a long-range plan of both capital improvement projects and smaller repairs and beautification projects throughout our campus. If you have training and skills in carpentry, electrical, horticulture, HVAC or any other trade, or an interest in helping maintain our campus, we welcome the opportunity to have you join us as we prepare for the future of Immaculate Conception.

Please share your interest directly with Julie at admin@immac-church.org or at extension 202.

Faith Formation Volunteers Needed!

- Catechists and classroom assistants are needed for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation year. Opportunities are available to work with students in pre-Kindergarten through high school. We have a special need for volunteers that speak both English and Spanish fluently. Training begins this spring.*
- Adult and teen volunteers are needed for the Totus Tuus summer program, June 10-16. We need individuals willing to work on the team that plans and runs the program, assist in the classroom, or provide a meal for missionaries and volunteers.*
- *Volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS training, background check, and agree to a Code of Conduct. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 or mnawrocki@immac-church.org for more information.



Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Lenten Reading

Question: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

Answer: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team — successful or not — will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Perhaps there is some local candidate for sainthood, like Father Walter Ciszek, SJ, who wrote several faith-inspiring books. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections. Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ.

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."

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Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished**."

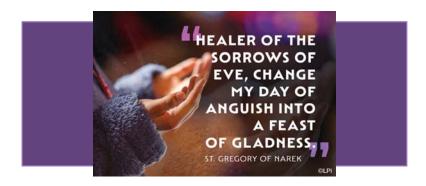
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Trivia Time!

Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!

Question: In John's Gospel, where did Jesus turn water into wine?

Answer: The Wedding Jeast of Cana



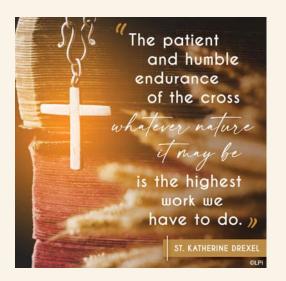
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Sunday, February 26

11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, February 28

7:30 am +Clarence & Richard Emon, +Walter, Carol, Sadie, David

& Mark Guzik

Wednesday, March 1

7:30 am +Irene & Leonard Bayer

Thursday, March 2

8:30 am +Dorothy Fleming

Friday, March 3

7:30 am Betty & Brady Radke, &

Carly & Tyler Velazquez,

+Knights of Columbus Deceased Members

Saturday, March

5:00 pm +Vincent and Stella Guzik

Sunday, March

8:00 am Steve Lauinger 11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.

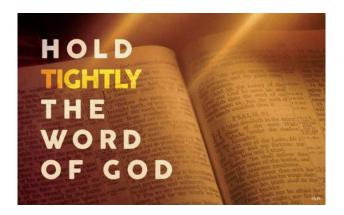
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Gospel Meditation

1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: "He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held fast to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. "Man does not live by bread alone," he says, "But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

Father John Muir

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Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches



us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

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Memories of Immaculate Conception

By Terri Netkow Glaeser

My memories of Immaculate Conception Church are deeply ingrained in me. As a child, I heard the story of my Grandfather, Anthony Netkow, and three other men riding the streetcar to attend Mass in Minneapolis, while discussing the need for a church in Columbia Heights. In 1918, these four men went to Archbishop Dowling with their request for a church to be built to serve the local Catholics.

I also recall the photograph of my father, Harold Netkow, as an altar server at the laying of the corner stone for the church.

In a 1970 article in the Columbia Heights Sun newspaper, my grandfather recalled that before the church was built, they were granted permission to use a building for Mass near the old Forest Park amusement park. During the Mass, there were usually birds flying all around the inside because the upper walls were open lattice work.

In this same article, he was quoted as saying, "The growth of Columbia Heights is mostly due to the church, people flocked to Columbia Heights after it was established."

As a child I sang in the choir for Saturday afternoon weddings, while often one or more of my brothers were the altar servers.

I received all my sacraments at Immaculate Conception Church, and even though I no longer live in the community, I am still a proud member of ICC and attend Mass here every weekend.

For the past seven years, I have also been a member of the staff, serving as the Parish Records Coordinator. Coincidentally, the first sacrament I recorded was the marriage of my great nephew, the grandson of my eldest brother.

As we approach our 100 year anniversary, I'm grateful for the role my grandfather played in establishing our beautiful church, or as I often tell people, Immaculate Conception Church is in my DNA!

Did You Know?

In the spring of 1918, Mrs. George (Odilla) Warren and Mrs. Josephine Winchester began the foundation of what was to be the Immaculate Conception Church. Mrs. Warren began teaching Sunday School to her own children and several other children on the west side of Columbia Heights. Mrs. Winchester did the same on the east side of town. When the children were ready to receive First Communion, they would take the streetcar to St. Clement in Northeast Minneapolis.

An Invitation to Reminisce

In honor of our upcoming Centennial Celebration, over the course of the next year, we will have various representatives from our parish community share some of their favorite memories and experiences of Immaculate Conception in the bulletin.

If you would feel so moved to contribute a story or anecdote between 100 and 500 words please send your message to Jami Bridgeman (Special Projects Coordinator) jbridgeman@immac-church.org. Otherwise, if you would prefer to talk on the phone and have a conversation about what will be written please feel free to call Jami at 763-788-9062 ext. 221.

We look forward to reading the heartfelt tales of what you are most thankful for from your time here at Immaculate Conception, be it from the liturgical celebrations, academic adventures in the school, or unforgettable moments from communal life.

"Did You Know?"

In celebration of the our church's 100th Anniversary, the archives have been dusted off and we are finding some great photos and stories to share about our church and school! Each week, one of the interesting facts and stories will be published here in the bulletin. These historical facts and stories come from a collection of publications and a paper written by a former parishioner.



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