

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

– Catholic Church –

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April 9, 2023

## EASTER SUNDAY

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 11:30 am

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

San Damiano Chapel	
Open Weekdays	7:00 am



## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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### Our Mission

*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.*

*Alleluia!*  
**CHRIST  
IS RISEN!**

s.a.ashmore

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Happy Easter!

On this Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Alleluia — He is Risen! Alleluia — He is Risen indeed! This monumental truth gives us hope and encouragement when life seems grim. When challenges abound and our patience grows thin we can rejoice. His triumph over sin, suffering, and death remind us that we shall follow where He has trod. Within his Letter to the Colossians St. Paul wrote, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (3:1). That doesn't mean that we ignore the bad and awful things that happen to us or those whom we care for but it does mean that we keep our ultimate sights set on Heaven.

Jesus taught His disciples that we will have needs in this life of food, water, shelter, clothing and other things, "But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33). May the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior help us to trust in His Plan and look forward with joy to the life of Heaven. Alleluia!

Fr. James

**"We are an Easter People and  
*alleluia* is our song!"**

ST. JOHN PAUL II

## This Week's Readings

### Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### Monday, April 10, Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 11, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 12, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 13, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 14, Friday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 15, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 16, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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## Parish News

### IC Spring Work Day

Parishioners and friends of all ages are invited to join us as we prepare the grounds and buildings for spring! We will be hosting a clean-up day on **Saturday, April 29 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.**

Painting, raking, dusting, mulching, cleaning – whatever your interest, inside or out, there will be an opportunity for you to give your time and talent while working with fellow parishioners. We will start with a light breakfast before assigning the various tasks. At the end of our time together we will grill some hamburgers and hotdogs as a thank you for your efforts.

Sign up on our website at [parish.iccsonline.org](http://parish.iccsonline.org) so we can be prepared for you!

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### Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

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## (Practicing) Catholic

### Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

*Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.*

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world – in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

*Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. – Colossians 3:2*

– Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | ©LPi

## Word of Life

### Respect Life Reflection

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (*Spe salvi* 31)."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

## The Week Ahead

### Tuesday, April 5

Charismatic Prayer Group ..... 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

### Saturday, April 15

Baptism Class ..... 9:00 am – 11:00 am

### Sunday, April 16

Pancake Breakfast ..... 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Celebration of Divine Mercy ..... 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall*

## Pastoral Ministry

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Save The Date!

**Annual Spring Anointing Mass at IC, Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 pm.**

### 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 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

### Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially 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:

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Skippy Vioria · Lois Weyers · 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.

### "Growing Through Loss"

The spring series begins on Monday April 17 from 6:45–9:00 pm, at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church 8211 Red Oak Drive Mounds View, MN 55112. The series runs six consecutive Mondays from April 17–May 22, each session is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

### 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 x 212.

## Social Justice Ministry

### Coins for Social Justice

*Small Change Can Do a World of Good!*

The next collection will be on Sunday, April 23, 2023.



## Faith Formation News

### High School Seniors

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? We are gathering names of students to invite to a Mass on Sunday, May 21 when we will recognize and pray for the graduates. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 x 210 or mnawrocki@immac-church.org to request an invitation. Thank you!

### Heggies Pizza Sale



The **Heggies Pizza Sale** has begun! Visit the parish website at ICCSonline.org or visit the parish office Monday through Friday during office hours to order your pizzas, or call Mary Scott at 763-788-9062 x 208 to place orders during the week. What a great time to stock up on the best frozen pizza! Another way to help us in this fundraiser is to take an order sheet to your workplace. Heggies is a pizza people love to buy! Sale ends Monday, May 8, so order soon! Thank you in advance for your support!

### Totus Tuus Registration Is Now Open!

Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") summer programs offer a week of faith and fun for kids! A team of college students and seminarians will lead a day camp for children entering grades 1–6 June 12–16 from 9:00 am–2:30 pm, which includes daily Mass, faith activities, games and water fun. The evening program for youth entering grades 7–12 June 11–15 from 7:30 –9:30 pm includes Eucharistic adoration, confession, hot topics, and social time. Cost is \$35 per student and \$85 max per family and can be written off for tax purposes. You can register online at ICCSonline.org or call the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x 210. We hope to see you there!

**Please pray for the success of the Totus Tuus program.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

*"I have risen and I am with you still, Alleluia" (Psalm 139: 18).*

All are welcome to come and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. As we celebrate this Easter season, our chapel is available weekdays for you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. When spending time in adoration, adorers leave with a peace only Jesus can give.

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: **Wednesdays at 8:00 am, Thursdays at 8:00 am and 6:00 pm, and Fridays at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** We are also in need of partner adorers for many more hours. 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.

**Note:** Our chapel will be closed on Easter Monday, (April 10). It will re-open on Tuesday, (April 11) at 7:00 am.



## Reflections

### Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

#### Why Marry in a Church?

**Question:** Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

**Answer:** Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done — in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. “Go tell my brothers,” Jesus commands us. “Do not be afraid.”

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### Sunday, April 9

8:00 am +Slawko (Sid) & Iolanda (Linda) Dupak  
10:00 am +Ambrose Christianson  
11:30 am IC Parish

### Tuesday, April 11

7:30 am +Agnes Anderson, +Leon Senart,  
Steve Lauinger

### Wednesday, April 12

7:30 am +John P. Botzet, Jr.

### Thursday, April 13

7:30 am +Isaias Morales

### Friday, April 14

7:30 am Steve Lauinger

### Saturday, April 15

5:00 pm +Slawko (Sid) & Iolanda (Linda) Dupak

### Sunday, April 16

8:00 am +Tom Sichak  
10:00 am National Eucharistic Revival  
11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

**14th Annual Queen of May Dinner & Auction**

To Benefit the Children of Immaculate Conception School

**Friday, May 5, 2023, 5:30 pm**

**Immaculate Conception Church Fellowship Hall**

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- Flank Steak Roulade with Whiskey Peppercorn Sauce
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Online Auction April 30, 12:00 pm - May 5, 7:30 pm

**Reserved Seat Tickets \$75**

Available online at ICCSonline.org, to purchase in the school office or charge by phone at 763-788-9065

*O spotless, blessed Lady, our lovely Queen of May, your children, humbly bending, surround your shrine so dear; with heart and voice ascending, sweet Mary, hear our prayer.*  
S. M. Yerr, ©1919, The St. Gregory Hymnal, 1947

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### Parish Pastoral Council Members

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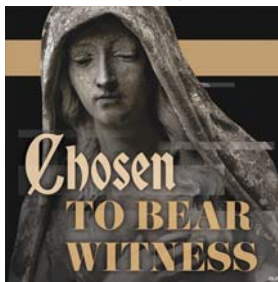
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## Gospel Meditation

### Easter Sunday



*"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)*

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that

he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, **"out of whom he had driven seven demons."**

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir | ©LPI

## School News

### The Queen of May is Almost Here!

This spring the Queen of May benefit will be in-person on Friday, May 5! Tickets are available to purchase online at ICCSonline.org or in the school office.

We also want people to be involved from a distance so the Silent Auction is online. Bidding begins on Sunday, April 30 at noon and the auction closes Friday, May 5, 7:30 pm.

For our guests on May 5, there will be Premiere Live Auction Items. We will also have the all-important "Fund the Future" to support the scholarship needs of our students!

We are collecting auction items from the school families and are going to have some great things! We are also reaching out to parishioners to see if they would consider donating an item, basket or gift card to the auction. Your generosity with all of our fundraisers is truly appreciated! If you are able to donate, please drop off an item at the Parish Office between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and mark it: "For Queen of May — Attention: Jami Bridgeman".

Watch for the event link on our website as it gets closer to the event. Questions? Contact Jami Bridgeman at 763-788-9065.



Save the date for:

**IC SUMMER JAM**  
August 4-6, 2023

Friday, August 4

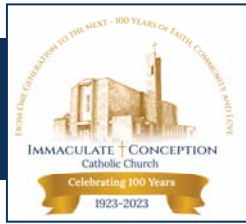
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Saturday, August 5

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## Memories of Immaculate Conception

### A Speech Given to ICS Students in 2002 (By Roger Bona)

Each of us here can remember at an early age of being led by a big brother, big sister, or a parent — out of the house, down the sidewalk and out to the street. We were taught to look left, to look right — watch for cars — then we made a decision. Do I cross the street, or do I wait? Simple or difficult as it may have been, this was probably one of our earliest examples of decision making. This is not a decision we could have made on our own — we needed help! Eventually we will cross that street by ourselves, but at that point in our life we needed guidance. That guidance begins with our parents. Our parents instill knowledge in us — faith and knowledge — our teachers continue that.

Our parents made a decision for us, and that decision was to choose Immaculate Conception [School] for our early education. What was the reason for this decision? Faith and knowledge. Our parents knew that with the *faith* and with the *knowledge* that we acquired here at Immaculate that we could cross the streets in life, no matter how busy the traffic or which direction the traffic was going.

This past Sunday I walked through our school's open house. I was impressed by the faith expressed in Scripture at each doorway, by the sensitivity expressed in poetry written by the students, by the Spanish that hung on the wall, "We are All God's Children" and I was impressed by the teachers and principal and the commitment they give — to be here on Sunday, greeting parishioners, answering my questions [and] offering guidance. Again, sharing faith and knowledge.

These teachers are the people who help us hour after hour, day after day. But there are ways we can help them. By thanking them. By letting them know they helped us learn how to make good decisions and by praying for them in a moment of quiet every day — saying, "THANK YOU LORD for this fine teacher".

In a few moments, Father Al will close Mass with the five most important words I ever learned at Immaculate Conception: "The Lord be with you". With the faith and knowledge expressed in these words we are prepared to make good decisions as we journey down the path/streets of our spiritual life.

## Did You Know?

### The Firsts

- The first Baptisms took place on December 23, 1923 when Richard Smith, Walter Wodziak, and Catherine Lubansky were baptized.
- The first Confirmation class was presented to Archbishop Dowling on November 29, 1925.
- Mary Stibbi's funeral Mass on December 12, 1925 was the first.
- On December 26, 1925 the marriage of Agnes Lucien and Harold DeLaria was the first marriage of the Catholic Parish.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A special observance in honor of the Feast of Divine Mercy  
Celebration of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction

Next Sunday, April 16, 3:00 pm

Please come and join in prayer and ask for God's mercy on us and on the whole world. We need His Mercy now more than ever.

Jesus said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls; especially for poor sinners." (Diary 699, Divine Mercy in My Soul)



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