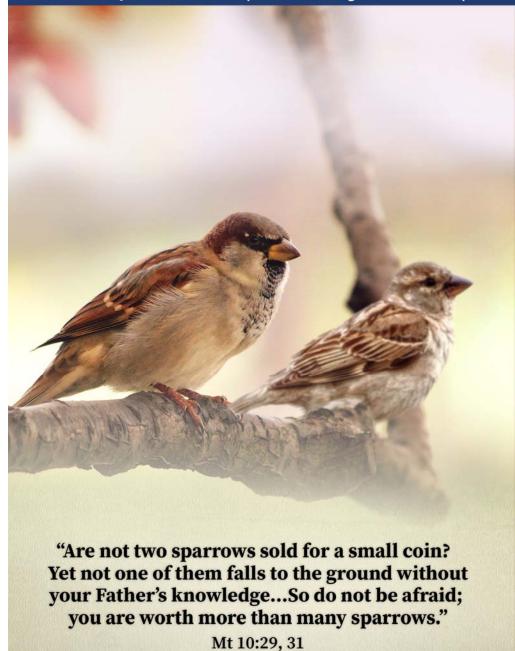


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June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday 7:30 am
Friday 7:30 am
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am

(Spanish) 11:30 am

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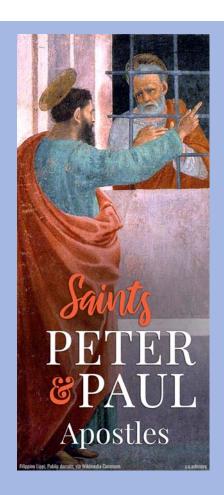


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Our Mission

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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Help in Times of Trial

One of my favorite hymns is "It is Well with my Soul." The Christian song was written by Horatio Spafford after a series of personal tragedies that befell him and his family. He lost his business because of the Great Chicago Fire; his infant son died; and then his wife and their four daughters were on a ship that sank, killing all of the girls.



Out of those heart wrenching circumstances Mr. Spafford was inspired by his unshakeable faith to put the words to the following hymn on paper. The beautiful tune would later be added by composer Philip Bliss. Their song is reminiscent of the hardships that the Prophet Jeremiah endured and described in the First Reading of Mass (20:10-13) on the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say It is well, it is well, with my soul

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well), With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought My sin, not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul

It is well (it is well), With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul It is well (it is well), With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

Source: https://www.godtube.com/popular-hymns/it-is-well-with-my-soul/

Fr. James

This Week's Readings

Sunday, June 25, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday, June 26

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29, Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1, St. Junipero Serra, Priest Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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"And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding."

Jeremiah 3:15



Farewell Father James!

Thank you for your faithful and loving service to our parish.

We are grateful and we will never forget you!

Parish News

Farewell to Deacon Steve



We will be honoring Deacon Steve Boatwright following the 7:30 am Mass on Thursday, June 29. Please join in Fellowship Hall following the service for coffee and donuts.

While Deacon Steve has been with us for only a brief time, we appreciate his Tuesday Sermons, visitations to our elderly parishioners, interactions with our school

students, and good nature and dedication to our faith.

Please mark your calendars and join us on Thursday morning!

Peter's Pence Collection - July 2-1

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Let the heavens and the earth praise Him, the seas and whatever moves in them!" (from Psalm 69)

We are told that all living creatures are to praise God and we have a beautiful chapel to do that during the week. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and all are welcome to come and praise our Lord for all he has done for us. Prayers of thanksgiving and praise are offered daily by our adorers. Come join this prayer-filled group of followers of Christ.

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Thursdays at 8:00~am and 6:00~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: The chapel will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.



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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 Phyllis Brozak, Jerome Posterick, Linda Kosloski, Joan Wehlage mother of Judy Haeg 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
Irene Gray · Jim Johnson · Len Jurek · Marge Klimek
Joan Landberg · Anna Larson · Steven Lauinger
Coletta Legatt · Tom Leight Sr. · Janet Mihalik
Shawn Moulzolf · Dianne Redman · Greg Sery
Martha Stwora · Elaine Thunstrom · Skippy Viloria
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.

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 $763-788-9062 \times 212$.

Social Justice Ministry

Coins for Social Justice This Weekend!



Donations made using bills or checks should be placed in an envelope marked *Social Justice*. Small envelopes can be found on tables at all entrances of the church. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for *Social Justice*.

The coin total for Sunday, May 28, 2023, was \$274.41. Thank you for your generosity!

Trivia Time!

Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!

Question: There are two different types of sin. What are they called? $$^{\circ}$$

Answer: Venial sin and mortal sin

(Practicing) Catholic

The Necklace

I have a necklace that originally belonged to my great-grandmother. I don't really know much about the man who gave it to her, most of those details have been lost to time. But I know that he wanted to marry her, and that she refused, and it had something to do with religion — ultimately, he did not share her faith. And while I've certainly seen many interfaith couples have loving and successful marriages, in this particular case, my great–grandmother discerned that this would not be one of those marriages.

Like I said, I don't have many details about this man, but I know that she felt she couldn't marry him because it might jeopardize the souls of her children, and therefore the souls of their children, and their children after them — me. She turned him down because of me.

My great-grandmother never sold that necklace, not even when the Great Depression further reduced her financial circumstances. She kept it, and she gave it to her daughter, who gave it to her daughter, who gave it to me. The necklace is always given with a warning: there is something worse than being poor, worse than being scared, worse even than being desperate. Worse than all of these things is separation from God.

When I wear this necklace, I think about my grandmother and this man she possibly loved a hundred years ago. I think of the many decisions we make every day — large and small, good and bad — that reverberate down through the generations in ways we cannot, at the time, imagine. I think of the God who knows every hair on my head.

"And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." — Matthew 10:28

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | @LPi

Faith Formation News

Register for the Family Formation Program



If you have children entering kindergarten through grade 6 this fall, please consider registering them for the Family Formation at-home religious education program. This program gives you the resources you need to teach your children about the faith at home. The whole family learns to-

gether! The program begins in September.

Note: This is program does not prepare students to receive their sacraments. For more information, visit the "Family Formation/K-6 page" under "Faith Formation" on the parish website or contact the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062.

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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Lectio Divina

Question: What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

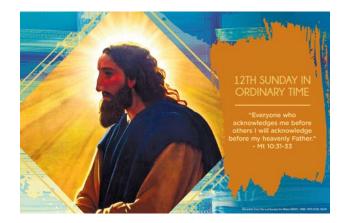
There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Christ promises to acknowledge us before his Father if we will acknowledge him. In what ways are we called to acknowledge Christ today? In what ways are we tempted to deny him, to distance ourselves from him?

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Respect Life Reflection

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Sunday, June 25

8:00 am +Theodore Theis

10:00 am +Ambrose Christianson

11:30 am IC Parish

Wednesday, June 28

7:30 am Stephen Lauinger

Thursday, June 29

7:30 am +Daniel Grow

Friday, June 30

7:30 am +Luverne Velander, +Russell Murzyn

Saturday, July 1

5:00 pm +Mike Fleming

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am +Clinton Buntin 10:00 am +Virgil Moulzolf 11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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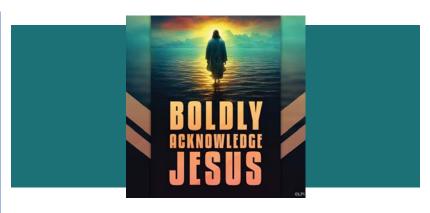
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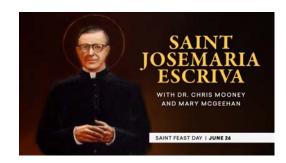
Gospel Meditation

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

- Father John Muir | ©LPi



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State regulations require that all tickets be accounted for, so please return all purchased ticket stubs with payment *and* un-purchased tickets to the Mass collection baskets or the parish office.

Volunteer—We Need You!

We need your help at IC Summer Jam, August 4-6! There are many volunteer opportunities available. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex of the church, so please check them out or sign-up online at ICSummerJam.org and contribute some of your time and talent to IC Summer Jam 2023. Thank you!

Volunteers get free admission on the day you volunteer!



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Chairs limited, please bring your own.

No coolers, outside food or beverages, skateboards bicycles or pets allowed. Service animals (as defined by the ADA) welcome.



Celebrating 100 Years of the Church of the Immaculate Conception

As I recall the many memories of the parish, I reflect on all that God has accomplished with the many pastors, parishioners and sisters who have ministered here.

I have been a part of this parish since 1936 when my parents brought me to be baptized. I went to Mass with my family and then attended the school in 1941. The years in school nurtured my faith as I celebrated the sacraments of reconciliation, Eucharist, and confirmation. These were all celebrated in the church that was part of the school building.

As the parish grew, there was a need to build another church to accommodate the growing population. On December 8, 1958, a new building was dedicated and blessed. I remember that Monsignor Joseph Lapinski asked that all the sisters who were from the parish would come back for this day. He told the leadership of our community that he would pay for all of them to come and we did. It was a grand celebration! The day before the dedication, I went over to see the new church and Monsignor was

there and showed me the statue of Saint Francis that my parents had given to the church. He said that my parents had asked that two little birds be on the statue, representing my sister and I, who were both Sylvania Franciscans. The sisters of Saint Francis have been part of this parish since 1938.

My last memory was my return to the parish after 38 years of ministering in Michigan and Ohio. I was missioned to be the principal of the school in 1976. It was great to see the changes and growth and to remember so many wonderful things that I did as a student there. The school continues to play a vital role in parish life.

I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to have a strong faith foundation and to share that experience with all who enter my life and walk with me.

May God continue to bless the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Happy 100 years!

Sister Clarinda Coffel, osf/s



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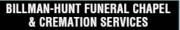
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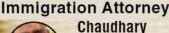
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