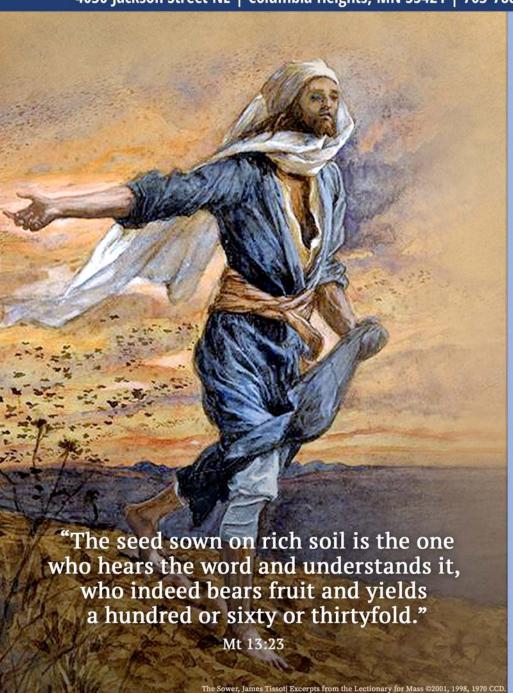


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July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday 7:30 am
Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday 7:30 am
Friday 7:30 am
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Sunday 8:00 am
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(Spanish) 11:30 am

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Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

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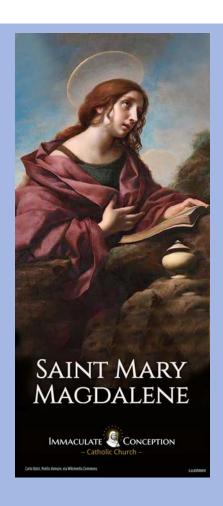
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Our Mission

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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Parish Centennial

An Interesting Journey of Immaculate Conception Parishes

By Joanne Christianson

My husband attended IC parish and school in Sioux City, IA. Years later, his first assignment with Western Electric Co. (AT&T) was in Cedar Rapids, IA where he attended IC parish.

Time goes on and as newly-weds we joined IC in Columbia Heights. Here, I learned that the present church was built under the leadership of Father George Rolwes. At one time he served at Holy Trinity (now Cathedral of The Holy Trinity) in New Ulm, MN. It was there that I was baptized, and received my sacraments which included my marriage in 1966.

Our children were baptized received their sacraments, attended IC school, served, school choir at Mass volunteered, extra-curricular activities such as band, choir, cheerleading, and sports.



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) jbridge-

man@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 $763-788-9062 \times 221$.

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.

This Week's Readings

Sunday, July 16, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Monday, July 17

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday, July 18, St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 19

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday, July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

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Beyond Our Parish

St. William Vacation Bible School!

Monday, July 31 - Thursday, August 3, 9:00 am—Noon The theme is "Light of the World". Ages 3 - 11 are welcome to join us—older students join as helpers, Adults are. also needed.

Teachings **include Moses and the burning** bush, the Christmas Star, the Transfiguration as well as the day the sun danced in Fatima. We will have music, games, snack, crafts as we learn of God's unfading love for us!

Registration forms are available on the website or or use this QR code



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(Practicing) Catholic

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | @LPi

Eucharistic Adoration

"Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise." (Psalm 84:5)

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and all are welcome to come and pray. Come and experience the peace found by being in Jesus' presence. Most adorers say their adoration hour is the best hour of their week!

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Mondays at 3:00 pm, Tuesdays at 7:00 am and 10:00 am, and Wednesdays at 5:00 pm and 8:00 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.



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

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Janet Mihalik 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. · Shawn Moulzolf Dianne Redman \cdot Greg Sery \cdot Martha Stwora Elaine Thunstrom · Skippy Viloria · Lois Weyers 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.

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

Next Weekend!

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

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.

Prayer

Prayer for Good Fruit

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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Why Use Incense?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us



to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy - in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during Eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?

Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



...The word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will."

- St. Lawrence of Brindisi

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Sunday, July 16

8:00 am National Eucharistic Revival

10:00 am IC Parish

11:30 am +Hector Juncal Llapa

Tuesday, July 18

7:30 am +Nattalie DeLaria

Wednesday, July 19

7:30 am Emma Leona

Thursday, July 20

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

Friday, July 21

7:30 am +Andrew Ambrose, Ann Peterson

Saturday, July 22

+Iolanda, (Linda) Dupak 7:30 am

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am IC Parish

10:00 am +Otto William Lausten

+Deceased

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Parish

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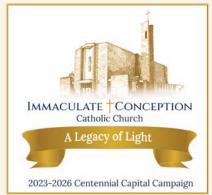
Gospel Meditation

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

– Father John Muir | ©LPi



Capital Campaign Update

~ A Legacy of Light ~

Campaign Goal: \$ 1,555,000
Commitments Received (as of July 5): \$ 1,101,747
Donations Received: \$ 348,122
Campaign Expenses: \$ 42,447
Current Cash Available \$ 305,675

We thank our generous parishioners, visitors, school alumni, friends of IC, and anonymous donors for your contributions.

"Let Your work appear to Your servants . . . And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands" Psalm 90:16-17



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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!



ICSummerJam.org

Friday and Saturday: 6:00 - 10:30 pm Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Free City Ramp & Lot Parking-see website for details 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.

CCW News

IC Summer Jam Bake Shoppe



St. Jude's Circle Bake Shoppe will be back at the IC Summer Jam on Sunday, August 6. A variety of breads, muffins, bars and cookies are needed. Your baked items are appreciated! Please bring them on Sunday morning, August 6.

Trivia Time!

Question: What event made Jesus weep?

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Parish News

Volunteers are Needed!

Summer Jam is just three weeks away and volunteers are still needed. Please consider signing up for a shift during the weekend! There will be someone in the back of church this weekend after all Masses to help with sign-up and to answer any questions you may have.





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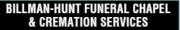
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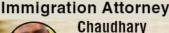
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