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– Catholic Church –

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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

- Matthew 13:44

July 30, 2023

17TH 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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

San Damiano Chapel	
Open Weekdays	7:00 am



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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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IC Summer Jam News

Polish Food Booth Take-Away Platter

Friday, August 4, 5:00 -6:00 pm.

This year the Friday food booth will feature Polish food. For those not attending the festival on Friday, the hour between 5:00–6:00 pm we will be selling a take-away sampler platter consisting of a Polish sausage, potato & cheese pierogis, bigos (sauerkraut hotdish) and rye bread for \$15. Come to the gate between the adoration chapel and the garages for a server to fill your order. Dziękuję bardzo!

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!

Raffle Tickets

Pre-assigned IC Summer Jam general raffle tickets are available for pick up in the back of church or in the parish office during the week. If we missed your name or you would like to buy/sell additional tickets, please call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

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.

Council of Catholic Women 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.

IC Summer Jam Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, August 5: 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 6: 8:00 am and 11:00 am (bilingual)

This Week's Readings

Sunday, July 30, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 3

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 4, St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 5, The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9





FORMED Pick of the Week

Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called “The Saint of Second Chances,” St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Eucharistic Adoration

“God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.”
(from Psalm 68)

Our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is a holy place where Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament on the altar, is there waiting for adorers to come and pray. Prayers said in adoration are heard and Jesus gives strength to everyone who asks which enables us to live our lives under his guidance. The adoration chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and all are welcome to come and pray.

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.

Note: The chapel will be closing at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 4. It will re-open on Monday, August 7, at 7:00 am.



“Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” (1 Kgs 3:9a)

Prayer

Dear Lord,

“A fine pearl.”

Is that how you see us?

Help us to understand
the value you place on us.

May the depth of your love for us
reach into the deepest parts of ourselves
and heal our wounds.

Amen.

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(Practicing) Catholic

The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are *both* equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

“Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.” — Psalm 119

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | ©LPi



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 Tom Leight 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 · Shawn Moulzolf
Dianne Redman · Greg Sery · Martha Stwora · Elaine Thunstrom
Skippy Vilorio · 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,

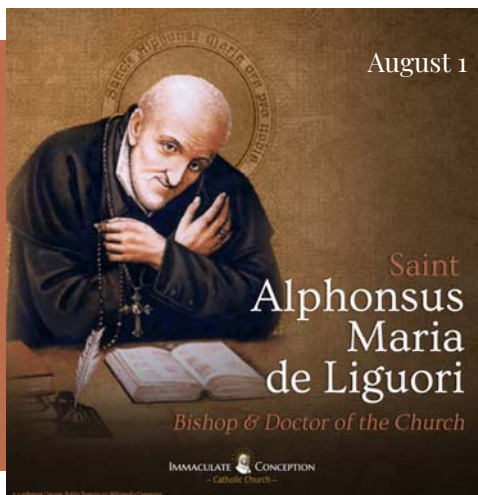
Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Trivia!

Question: What rank of ordination is open to married men?

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Answer: The permanent diaconate



Social Justice Ministry

SACA Free Produce Distribution

August 12 and 26, September 9 and 23, October 14

Partnering with Second Harvest, SACA is offering free farm fresh produce distributions throughout the summer and fall. Each event starts at 8:30 am and goes until 11:00 am or while produce lasts. The events are open to the community and no appointment is needed. **They will continue the drive-through pick-up** — please stay in your vehicle while volunteers load the produce in your vehicle. Line starts at Madison Place North of 38th Avenue.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the produce drops, contact SACA to sign up.



The Week Ahead

Tuesday, August 1

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

Friday, August 4

IC Summer Jam 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Saturday, August 5

IC Summer Jam 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Sunday, August 6

IC Summer Jam 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Parish Centennial

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 x 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.



Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Kissing the Altar at Mass

Question: Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

Answer: Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383).

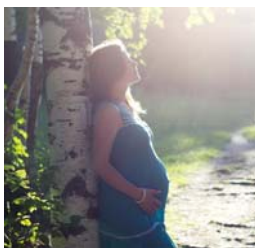
Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Following Christ will take everything we have. Are we ready to give it all? At the end of our lives, let us hope we can say truthfully that we sold all we had in order to purchase the field which contained the great treasure.

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Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection



“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Called to Serve Moms in Need”

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Sunday, July 30

10:00 am Fr. James Peterson

11:30 am IC Parish

Wednesday, August 2

7:30 am +George DeBruin, Jr.

Thursday, August 3

7:30 am +Janet Mihalik

Friday, August 4

7:30 am +Bette Haeg, +Luverne Velandier
+K of C Deceased Members

Saturday, August 5

5:00 pm +John Godava

Sunday, August 6

8:00 am IC Parish

11:00 am +Virgil Moulzolf

+Deceased

Church Directory

Emergency (Death/Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

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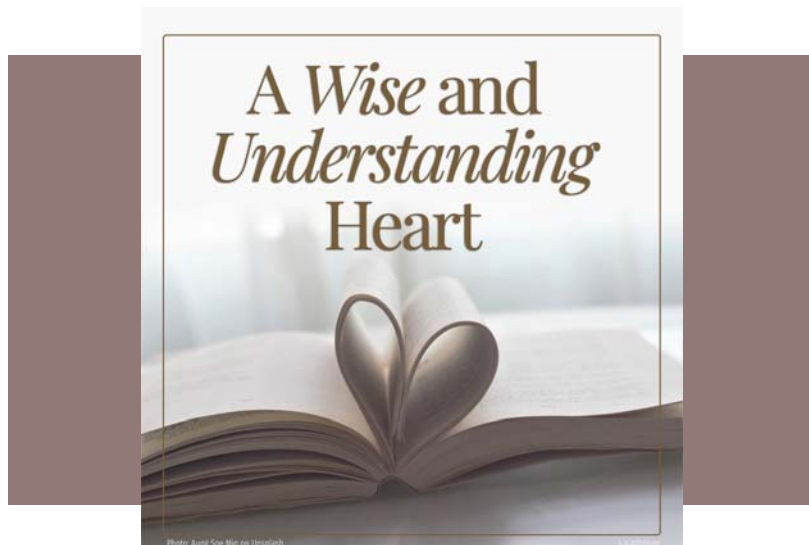
Patrick McVary (Parish Trustee)

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Gospel Meditation

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

—Father John Muir | ©LPI

Securing Our Financial Future

Parishioner Giving Update

Annual Stewardship Budget: \$ 700,250

Monthly Donation Goal: \$ 58,355

Month-to-Date July Donations: \$ 36,341

Still Needed by July 31: \$ 22,014



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DAILY ADMISSION PRICING

Purchase tickets online at **ICSummerJam.org**
or the parish office during the week.

Friday, Saturday

\$10.00 Admission

Sunday—Free

See website for admission policies.

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Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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