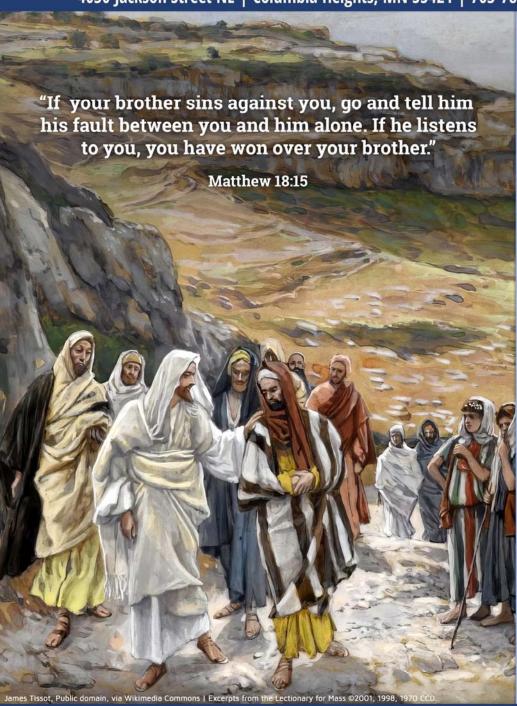


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September 10, 2023

23 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### 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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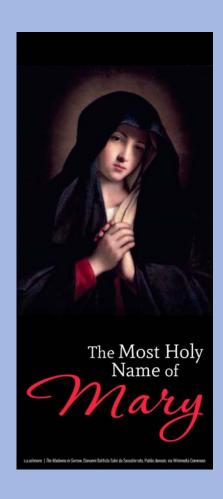
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#### **Our Mission**

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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## **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us."

(from Psalm 95)



Adorers often kneel or bow as they enter our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel before beginning their prayer hour. This display of reverence is powerful as this action is evidence that adorers realize and appreciate the sanctity of being in the presence of Jesus. All are invited to join this prayer-filled group of followers of Jesus in Eucharistic adoration. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. All are welcome!

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Mondays at 3:00 pm; Tuesdays at 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.

"Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession.

St. Thomas Aquinas

# This Week's Readings

**Sunday, September 10**, 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

**Monday, September 11,** Patriot Day Col 1:24–2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 12,** The Most Holy Name of Mary Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 13,** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday, September 14,** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Friday, September 15,** Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday, September 16,** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 17,** 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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## **Parish News**



#### Men's Group BBQ and Cookout

All men are invited to our IC Men's Group event on Tuesday, September 12, from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Rectory garage and driveway (Father Quail's house) at 4059 Quincy Street NE. Beverages, beer (must be age 21), food, and fun. Send RSVP and questions to Mike Bridgeman (612-770-1169, bridgeman@bonabros.com).

# Saint of the Week

## Saint John Chrysostom | September 13



Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

# (Practicing) Catholic

#### Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." — Psalm 95

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman | ©LPi



# The Week Ahead

Tuesday, September 12

IC Men's BBQ & Cookout Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 13

Faith Formation Mass

Sunday, September 17 IC Pancake Breakfast

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

6:30pm - 8:00 pm

8:30 am-11:30 am

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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 Victoria Amarvi, David Fierst, Jr., Frances Kozicki 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
Jeanne Fulton · Tom Fulton · Jim Johnson · Len Jurek
Marge Klimek · Anna Larson · Steven Lauinger
Dianne Redman · Greg Sery · Martha Stwora
Elaine Thunstrom · 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  $763-788-9062 \times 212$ .

"Growing Through Loss" provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for grief and loss issues. The second session: What Do We Do with These Feelings presented by Sister Adair Lassonde, SSND, Funeral Service Coordinator, Catholic Cemeteries, begins on Monday, September 18 from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at Centennial United Methodist Church 1524 County Road C2W Roseville MN, 55113. The series is six weeks long, each session is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances to the church.

#### 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.

# **Prayer**

#### **Prayer for Grandparents**

Dear Lord, What a beloved idea you had with grandparents, relationships of care and support that bridge generations. Bless those in this role today, biological or beyond, all those who care for little ones with patience, wisdom, and love.

St. Anne and St. Joachim pray for us!

Amen.

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# **Social Justice Ministry**

**40 Days for Life Twin Cities** is the local campaign of the largest international prayer campaign to end abortion. Since 2007, Pro-Life Action Ministries coordinates 40 Days for Life Twin Cities with thousands of participants and scores of churches of various denominations. Immaculate Conception will



once again participate in 40 days of prayer. Join us **Saturday**, **October 7**, to pray at Planned Parenthood in the Midway section of Saint Paul. We have committed to having two (or more) persons, participating in prayer, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; we will need a minimum of 24 people to fill our commitment. We will have volunteers to help with sign-up in the narthex on September 16-17 and September 23-24. You can also contact Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062 x 212 to pre-register. By standing or sitting peacefully in prayer at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 7, we will show our commitment in defense of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

#### 40 Dias Por La Vida

Sábado, 7 de Octubre del 2023 en el "Planned Parenthood" de Saint Paul Se necesitan voluntarios para orar en turnos de cada hora, 6:00 am - 6:00 pm. Contacten a Vicki, 763-788-9062 para apuntarse.

### **SACA Free Produce Distribution**

#### September 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.

#### **Coins for Social Justice**

#### Small change can do a world of good!

Thank you for your support. The coin total for Sunday, August 27, 2023 was \$204.10

## **Catholic Trivia!**

**Question:** How many books does the New Testament of the official Catholic Bible have?

Answer: 27

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"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, THERE AM I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20



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## Reflections

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

#### **Marian Feasts**

Question: Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

**Answer:** Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome,



and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

#### Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

## **Word of Life**

#### **Respect Life Reflection**

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

-USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

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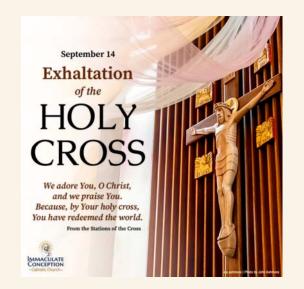
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# **Mass Intentions**

### Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Christine Sabatuk 10:00 am +Sheila Prokott 11:30 am IC Parish

#### Tuesday, September 12

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

#### Wednesday, September 13

7:30 am +Henry Krawczynski

#### Thursday, September 14

8:30 am ICS 8th Grade Class

#### Friday, September 15

7:30 am +Mary Lou Goodman, +Harold DeLaria

#### Saturday, September 16

5:00 pm +Fr. Bernard Reiser

#### Sunday, September 17

8:00 am +Otto Lausten

10:00 am +Mary Lou Goodman

11:30 am IC Parish

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# **Gospel Meditation**

#### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

-Father John Muir | ©LPi

# **Securing Our Financial Future**

#### **Parishioner Giving Update**

	Jul/Aug 2023	Jul/Aug 2023	Variance
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	to Budget
Online & Envelope Donations	\$ 73,964	\$ 91,666	(\$ 17,702)
Open Plate Offerings	\$ 22,519	\$ 24,167	(\$ 1,648)
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 96,483	\$ 115,833	(\$ 19,350)

Thank you for your generosity!



"If today you hear his voice, harden not your **HEARTS**."



#### **IC Memories**

#### By Deloris Heintz

My name is Deloris Heintz. I am eighty seven years old, and I have been a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church my entire life. I have received all of the sacraments so far at ICC. I am thankful for the many memories.

I attended Immaculate Conception School first through eighth grade and was taught by only nuns. Every day began with mass at 8 am. We had to bring our own lunch or go home to eat, we had an hour. We did not wear uniforms. After school we would decorate for all the holidays, all my friends helped. At that time, the nuns lived on the second and third floor of the school, and the church was on the second floor as well. The principal was Sister Loretto. One of the highlights were the annual performances called "Operettas", sort of like plays. All the actors were students. My favorite was in 1950 and was called Top of the World, I had the pleasure of playing Ma Spinks. I loved my days at ICS!

My husband Sebe and I were married at ICC and raised our three children with faith. All attended ICS, received their sacraments and were married at ICC as well. Sebe was an usher from 1962-2012. He was one of the first Extraordinary Ministers and wore a cassock and a surplice. I have been a member of the Rosary Society since 1976 (Secretary 1 year) and St Jude's Circle since 1962. When ICC's 75<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration arrived, I served as the General Chairman. One of the highlights was a living rosary in the church.

For many years our family enjoyed all the fun and community at the Fall Festival! St. Jude's Circle always had a booth, and each member made eight loaves of bread and a pan of rice crispy treats to sell. I made pumpkin bread. When I was a young child, one of the attractions was an antique car show. Priests were always welcoming people, bands were playing, bingo in the lower hall, and later, spaghetti dinners and dunk tanks.

For over twenty years Sebe and I were part of a "Soup Supper" group. We would join together on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for soup and dessert. Every couple donated \$25 to the church, and gave the money to the priest in attendance. Each couple took their turn hosting. Those were such fun times!

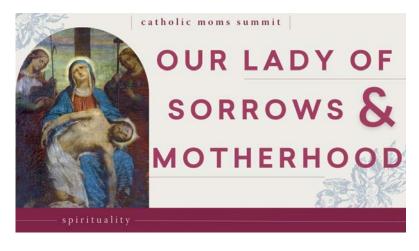
I hope that Immaculate Conception Church and School will continue for another 100 years, and that all the parishioners will be blessed!

## **FORMED Pick of the Week**

#### Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourthcentury martyr.

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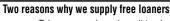
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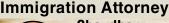
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