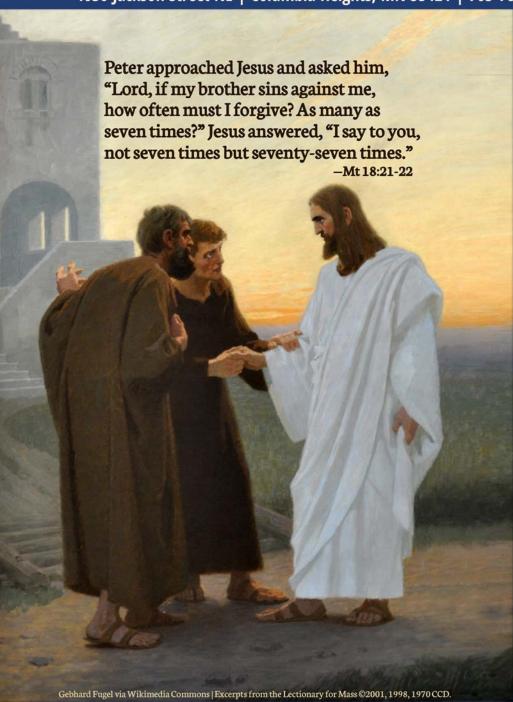


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September 17, 2023

24TH 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
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10:00 am

(Spanish) 11:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

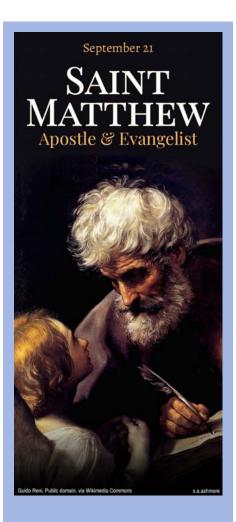
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Our Mission

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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Social Justice Ministry

40 Days for Life-Sign Up This Weekend!



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 commit-

ted to having two (or more) persons, participating in prayer, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm; we need a minimum of 24 people to fill our commitment. **We will have volunteers to help with sign-up in the narthex this weekend** 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.

Coins for Social Justice

Small change can do a world of good!

Collection next weekend, September 23 and 24.



This Week's Readings

Sunday, September 17, 24th 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

Monday, September 18

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 19, St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday, September 22

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 24, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

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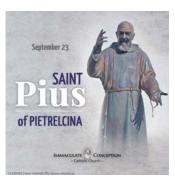
Saint of the Week

St. Pius of Pietrelcina | September 23

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined the theCapuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man.

Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5:00 am then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and



poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

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Eucharistic Adoration

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name." (from Psalm 103)



Our adoration chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am to anyone interested in spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during the week. Signing up for an hour of adoration is a commitment and a responsibility, as you are expected to cover your adoration hour each week; however, there is a system in place if

an adorer cannot attend their hour. Many adorers say their hour is so important to them and that it is the best hour of their week. Some of our adorers have had the same day and hour of adoration since 2009, the year our chapel first opened! All are welcome to join this prayer-filled group of followers of Jesus!

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. We have the following open hours: Wednesday at 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm, Thursday at 8:00 am and Friday at 9:00 am. 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.

School News

We're Hiring!

ICS is on the lookout for a part-time preschool aide — great hours and working with wonderful children! For more information contact Jane Bona at $763-788-9065 \times 220$ or jbona@immac-church.org.

Prayer for Cate

Prayer for Catechists

Dear Lord,

Anoint those who serve as catechists, those who tell your story of determined love for your people. Be with our catechists in their classrooms, inspire the hearts of those in their care, ignite a new generation disciples for you!

Amen. ©LPi

"Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with **LAUGHTER**."

— St. Padre Pio





FORMED Pick of the Week

Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

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

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Stanley Biernat 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 x 212.

"Growing Through Loss" provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for grief and loss issues. The third session: Families Coping with Grief presented by Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist and Marriage Therapist, is on Monday, September 25 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,

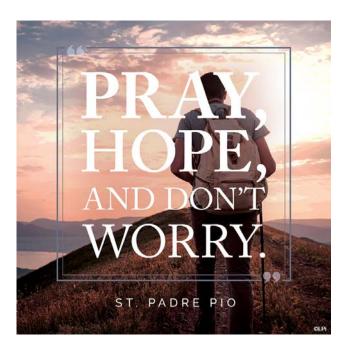
Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.



The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 17	
IC Pancake Breakfast	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Tuesday, September 19	7:00 nm 9:20 nm
Charismatic Prayer Group Wednesday, September 20	7.00 pm - 8.30 pm
Parish Council Meeting	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Confirmation I Orientation6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



(Practicing) Catholic

The Hateful Things We Hug Tight

At the end of "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the One Ring. He wins the fight, but in doing so topples over the edge of the mountain ledge, falling into the cavernous fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, we see him smile, and clutch the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has won what he spent his life pursuing.

It is only in the last millisecond before his face slips below the lava that we see his eyes widen in terror as he realizes the truth: the thing he clutches to his heart is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death.

Sin, and the fallen nature of this world, makes us addicted to something that kills us.

Like any addiction, it is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become ... and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves.

What breaks the cycle? Reconciliation with God — or, Confession, as we call it. In fact, it does more than break the cycle. It turns it backward. Not only does it detoxify our souls of sin, it weakens our addiction to sin's effects — anger, vengeance, unforgiveness. The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works, said St. Augustine.

Ultimately, I view our whole human life as a struggle on the ledge of a mountaintop. It is certain that we will choose sin — we always do. We will tumble over the side, toward ruin. But let us be Frodo, and not Gollum. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the hand that would drag us away from the flames.

"Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." — Sirach 27:30

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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Psychics and Mediums

Question: Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer: It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Take some time to reflect on the enormity of what Christ offers us in salvation. Can we find the strength to offer just a fraction of that to our brothers and sisters?

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Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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Sunday, September 17

8:00 am +Otto Lausten

10:00 am +Mary Lou Goodman

11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 am +Stanley Biernat

Wednesday, September 20

7:30 am +John and Sybil Bannon

Thursday, September 21

8:30 am +Mary Sondag

Friday, September 22

7:30 am +Rita Dasykiewicz

Saturday, September 23

5:00 pm +Norbert Malisheski

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am +Dennis Dancik

10:00 am +Amarvi and Sado Family

11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

x 204

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Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	
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Pastor, Fr. Matthew Quail	x 215
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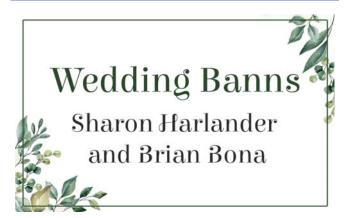
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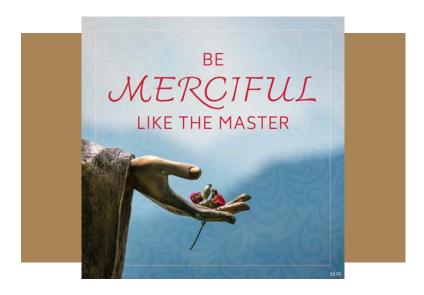
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Gospel Meditation

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid *owed* me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He *remembers* — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

-Father John Muir | ©LPi

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Parishioner Giving Update

Forecasted Giving for August Actual Contributions Over/Under \$ 57,916.00 (annual budgeted amount)
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Sign up in the narthex after all Masses

September 16-17 September 23-24

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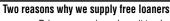
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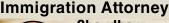
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