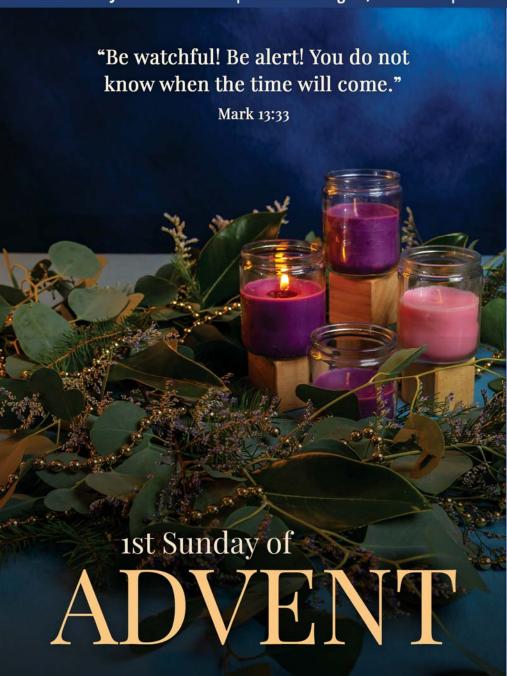


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December 3, 2023

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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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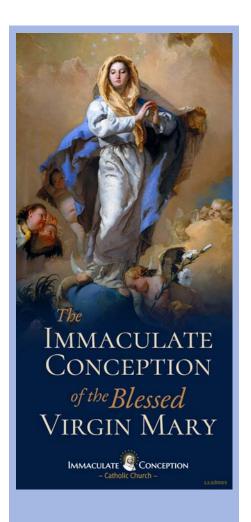
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Our Mission

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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PARISH CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Friday, December 8, 2023

5:00 pm — Champagne and Hors d' oeuvres Reception 6:00 pm — Historical Program and Reflections of IC 7:00 pm — Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass with Bishop Joseph Williams

Sunday, December 10, 2023

12:30 pm—Celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Hosted by our Latino Ministry



This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 3, 1st Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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Parish News

Thank You

We would like to thank all of those who attended our son Brian "Beany" Drews funeral last week, offered prayers, sent cards, or greeted us personally to express your sympathy. We were so overwhelmed and thankful for the outpouring of support and love from everyone. We are so grateful and appreciative for the IC community, they have been wonderful. Our grandson Conner has also expressed his appreciation for all that has been done for him. Thanks again!

—Henry and Karen Drews



Prayer for Advent

Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle,
help us to stay watchful and alert
to the spaces and places
You are calling us to bring
Your love and light.
Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 3 CCW Bake Sale & Boutique/Nut Sale 8:30 am - 12:00 pm Fellowship
Tuesday, December 5
Charismatic Prayer Group7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday, December 6
OCIA6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith Formation Mass 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, December 8
Centennial Celebration 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Holy Day Mass7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 9
Baptism Class9:00 am—11:00 am
RCIA/RICA (Spanish)2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
CCW Nut Sale4:30 am - 6:30 pm
Sunday, December 10
CCW Nut Sale7:30 am - 1:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration12:30 pm



Eucharistic Adoration

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens." (from Ephesians 1:3)

This week is a week of anticipation and celebration here at Immaculate Conception Church. We begin the season of Advent anticipating Jesus' birth and we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our parish. How blessed we are to be a part of both! With these events in mind, our Eucharistic adoration chapel is the perfect place to come and offer prayers for encouragement and hope as well as prayers of thanks and praise to our Lord. 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: Tuesdays at 7:00 am and 2:00 pm, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm and Thursdays at 2:00 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.

Council of Catholic Women

The Christmas Bake Sale & Boutique is Here!

Taking place in Fellowship Hall after all Masses this weekend. Please stop down after Mass to pick up some homemade baked goods, freshly packaged nuts, and browse the holiday décor and boutique tables. Freshly baked caramel rolls will be available for purchase on Sunday morning only while supply lasts.

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 all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

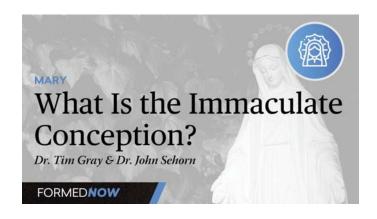
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Jeanne Fulton · Tom Fulton · Len Jurek · Marge Klimek
Anna Larson · Steven Lauinger · Annette Peifer · Dianne Redman
Greg Sery · Elaine Thunstrom and all those on our prayer chain

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call $763-788-9062 \times 212$.

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. Online registration is available at our website, ICCSonline.org.



FORMED Pick of the Week

What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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Social Justice Ministry

Giving Tree

This Sunday is the final day to return gifts. There are containers in the church narthex for the return of your *unwrapped gifts*. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual Collection for Veterans

Every Third Saturday located in Minneapolis, addresses the physical needs of struggling and homeless veterans, as well as the emotional needs of veterans and their families. This organization needs winter coats, gloves, hats, thermal underwear, and boots that are new or used in good condition for female and male veterans. Immaculate Conception will again team with other Catholic churches in the area to collect goods. Now is a good time to clean out your closets. Your new or gently used items can be dropped off on the weekend of January 13–14. There will be a large, marked bin available in the church narthex for your donations. Questions? Please contact Vicki B., 763–788–9062 x 212.

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

-Psalm 80

(Practicing) Catholic

Memento Mori

Just this week, my husband and I signed our wills, and the lawyer was careful to couch our transaction in gentle, abstract language: "When we lose you" she kept saying, instead of "When you die."

It's very uncomfortable to dwell on our death. But the Christian life does not just encourage us to do so: it demands that we do.

I once came upon a prayer consecrating the last two hours of life to the Blessed Mother. I have since found variations of the prayer online with different phrasing, but the sentiment of them all is the same: let me not be caught sleeping. Let me be ready.

"You can't do all your homework at the end," a deacon who ministers to the dying once told me. "Good Friday is waiting in the wings for all of us."

I think of that a lot when I don't particularly feel like praying, when I think I'm too busy to go to confession or when feelings of resentment fester inside me on Sunday mornings as I pack my family off to church. All our good deeds are like polluted rags, says the prophet. We have all withered like leaves.

You can't do all your homework at the end. God is faithful. Are we?

"May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" — Mark 13:36 $\,$

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Wine Distribution

Question: Why haven't Catholic Churches gone the way of disposable cups for wine distribution?

Answer: If a Catholic has ever attended a Protestant worship service and saw the communion service that was offered for that community, one of the things that might have stood out was the use of small, disposable cups for distributing the wine or grape juice. This is in stark contrast to the precious metal chalices used in Catholic churches during the Mass.

Although practices for Protestant Christians can vary (ranging from large shared chalices, to personal-use cups, to dipping the bread in the wine/grape juice), the norms governing Catholic practices are fairly direct: "Sacred vessels are to be made from precious metal. If they are made from metal that rusts or from a metal less precious than gold, then ordinarily they should be gilded on the inside. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, sacred vessels may also be made from other solid materials that, according to the common estimation in each region, are precious ... they are to have bowls of nonabsorbent material" (nos. 328-330). Rather than being a commentary on the beliefs or practices of those other communities, these rules are intended to highlight the reverence that Catholics have for the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, which become the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Live the Liturgy — Inspiration for the Week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show Him you are listening.

Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life



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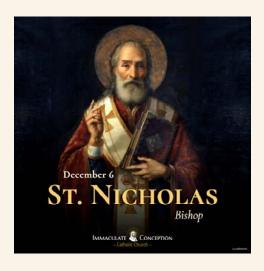
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Sunday, December 3

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8:00 am IC Parish

10:00 am +Virgil Moulzolf 11:30 am +Carolina Pizha

Tuesday, December 5

7:30 am +Jim Johnson

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 am CCW Deceased Members

Thursday, December 7

8:30 am +Vincent Getty

Friday, December 8

8:30 am +Jay Dowdle 7:00 pm IC Parish

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm Fr. James Peterson

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am IC Parish 10:00 am Renee Jacque 11:30 am +Estaban Etsa

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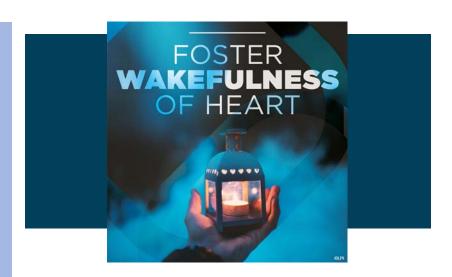
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Gospel Meditation

1st Sunday of Advent

Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God - that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

-Father John Muir | ©LPi

Catholic Trivia!

Question: What is the title for the superior of a women's monastic religious community?

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Answer: She is called an Abbess.











On the evening of Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and our parish Centennial Celebration, the church sidewalks will be adorned by luminaries honoring the special occasions, persons or departed loved ones listed below:

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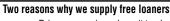
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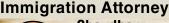
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