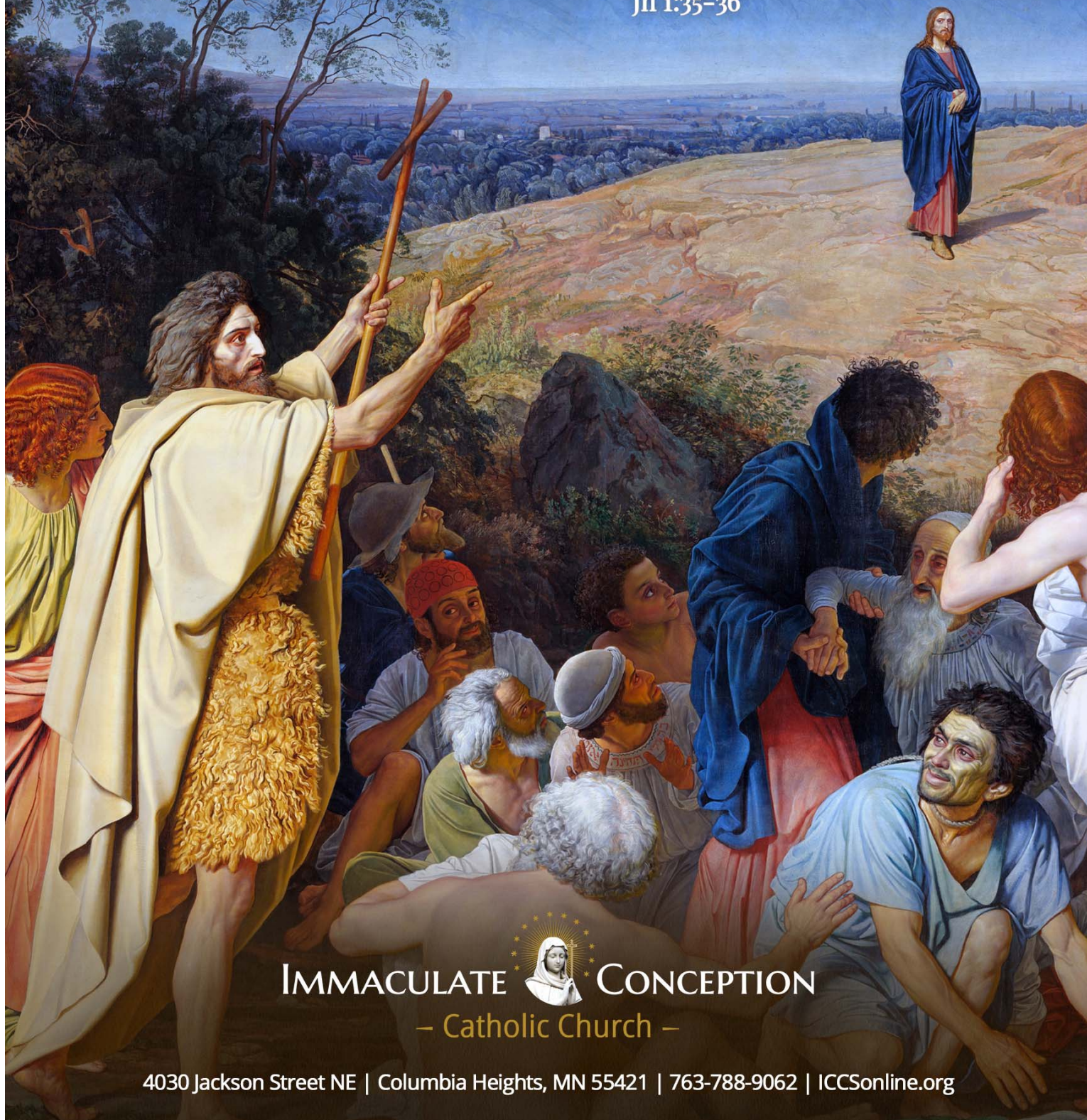


January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God."
The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.

Jn 1:35-36



IMMACULATE  CONCEPTION
– Catholic Church –

4030 Jackson Street NE | Columbia Heights, MN 55421 | 763-788-9062 | ICCSonline.org



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Is it getting brighter in here or is just me? In mid-December, we received new LED light towers in the nave of the church that really brighten up the sanctuary. This comes from the Buildings and Grounds Committee that has been meeting to best use the monies that come in

from the Building Restoration Fund. I thank you, parishioners, for donating to and believing in our parish and I thank those members that are on the Buildings and Grounds Committee who work to be the best stewards of those funds. Now that the sanctuary is well-lit, we are looking for ways to light up the nave. Stay tuned for some illuminating solutions!

In addition, we've been meaning to give you all an update on the capital campaign. Next weekend, Seyha Saumweber, our Director of Advancement will be at all masses giving us an in-person update. We've already begun some projects and we're excited to update you all on this work. So, look forward to hearing about what our community is doing because of our generosity. There should also be a bulletin graphic that accompanies his talk so that you can take that home and look at it in more detail.

Finally, we are working away on the next Summer Jam. I'm not sure of the timing of everything, but we'll be publishing the results of the surveys received. We didn't get many surveys, but we've compiled the data and we want to make that available to you all. We look forward to having the best celebration that highlights the work that the Holy Spirit is doing here at Immaculate Conception. So, while it may be cold and chilly here in winter, rest assured, we are busy planning lots of things. It's going to be a great 2024!

Fr. Matthew Quail

Visiting Our Parish?

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.

This Week's Readings

Sunday, January 14, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

©LPI

Mass Schedule

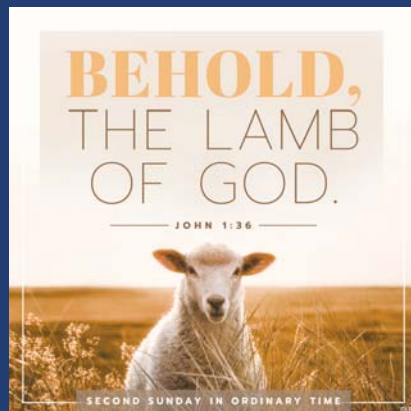
| | |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Tuesday | 7:30 am |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am |
| Thursday | 8:30 am |
| Friday | 7:30 am |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am |
| | 10:00 am |
| | (en español) 11:30 am |

Reconciliation

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Saturday | 3:00 - 4:45 pm |
|----------|----------------|

Eucharistic Adoration

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| San Damiano Chapel | |
| Open Weekdays | 7:30 am |



Inside this Issue

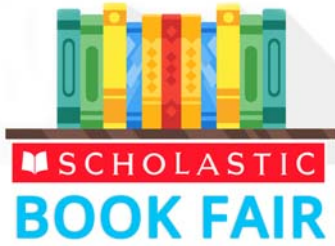
| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| School News | 3 |
| Parish News | 4 |
| Pastoral Ministry | 4 |
| The Week Ahead | 4 |
| Reflections | 5 |
| Word of Life | 5 |
| Catholic Trivia | 5 |
| FORMED | 5 |
| Mass Intentions | 5 |
| Church Directory | 6 |
| Gospel Meditation | 6 |
| Giving Update | 6 |
| Social Justice Ministry | 7 |
| Beyond Our Parish | 7 |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 7 |
| IC Music Presents | 7 |

School News



Immaculate Conception School

Catholic Schools Week 2024
January 28 - February 2



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
January 26
January 29 - February 2



"All You Can Eat" PASTA DINNER Fundraiser
January 26, 4:00 - 6:30 pm

ALL SCHOOL LEARNING FAIR January 30, 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Open House and Information Night
Thursday, February 1

Questions? Contact Lydia Zimmerman at 763-788-9062, ext. 207.



Immaculate Conception School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE
in the lives of the students and
the community we serve.

Love Basketball?

Want to stay warm on a cold winter night?
Come cheer on our ICS Raiders in a basketball triple
header on Monday, January 22, beginning at 4:00 pm.
No admission cost and the concession stand will be
open. Please check the website for details:
<https://sites.google.com/icconline.org/icsteacherpages/athletics?authuser=0>



Destination Imagination

Immaculate Conception School has formed two Destination Imagination teams this year. Destination Imagination is a creative problem-solving competition where teams of students select a Team Challenge that requires them to present a solution at a regional tournament. The Challenges encourage students to explore their passions, discover their unique talents and abilities, and learn new skills. Team Challenges are available in Technical, Scientific, Fine Arts, Improvisational, Engineering and Service-Learning categories. A team of seven sixth-grade girls are preparing for the Improvisational challenge entitled "So Extra". The girls are busy practicing their improv skills and will perform an improvisational skit at the tournament using what they have learned and practiced. Another middle school team is preparing for the Technical challenge, "Pinball Heroes", where they must build a working, life-sized (8 ft x16 ft) pinball machine. They will prepare and perform a skit related to the pinball machine and perform it at the tournament in March. Many thanks to our Coaches Judy Haeg and Mindy Kirschman! Parishioner Patrick McVary is also coaching and lending his carpentry expertise with the team as they create the pinball machine! We are grateful!



Tickets on sale
January 12—February 18

Help Immaculate Conception School reach
their goal of \$8,000! Every dollar we raise
stays with our school!

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.



Parish News



Campus Grounds Updates

Even though the weather has turned colder, we continue to focus on the maintenance and upkeep of our campus. Thanks to our “Nativity Elves” who beautified our buildings both inside and out during the season of Advent and Christmas. It is always a joy to see the many decorations and lights during this joyous time of the year.

Thanks to the efforts of our Grounds and Maintenance Committee (GMC), we have replaced the spotlights inside the nave with dimmable LED lighting. By now you have noticed how the crucifix on the altar is so much brighter. We hope to add to that project this spring.

While our school students and staff were on Christmas Break, we trimmed all the trees along Quincy Street and also removed three diseased ash trees. The branches are no longer hitting our building and the area is much safer for our students and neighbors.

In late November we replaced one of the furnaces in the Rectory. This project was approved by our GMC, but we were doubly blessed when a donor came forward to cover the entire cost of replacement.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Building Restoration account, including the Pancake Breakfast Crew who chose the beautification of our campus as their “charity” for November and December. It is through your donations and the work of our volunteer committees that these projects were funded.

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 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
 Joanne 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 x 212.

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 15, Martin Luther King Day
 No School/Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, January 16

Parish Pastoral Council 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 17

Maintenance Committee 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 OCIA 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, January 18

First Eucharist Mtg. (ICS Parents) 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 20

Baptism Class 9:00 am - 11:00 am
 Spanish RCIA 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Sunday, January 21

Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Changes to Mass

Question: Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer: The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

Live the Liturgy — Inspiration for the Week

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

©LPI

Word of Life

Respect Life Reflection

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

Catholic Trivia!

Question: What are the four cardinal virtues? ©LPI

Answer: Fortitude, Temperance, Justice, and Prudence

FORMED Pick of the Week

The Bible Collection - Genesis



Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.

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

Thank you to our sponsors

Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn't be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them!

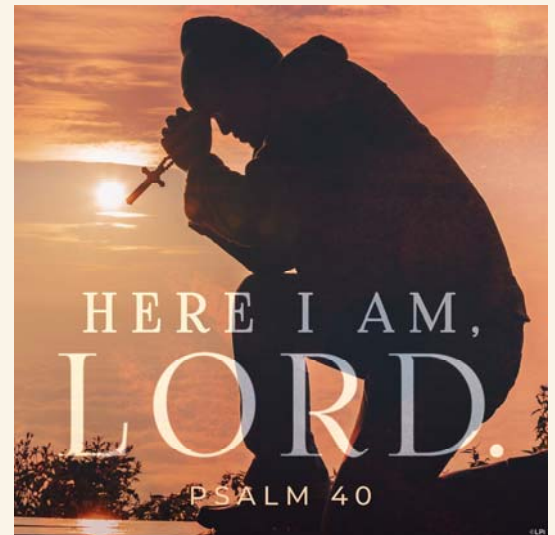
Edina Realty

Marcia Hernick—Real Estate Agent

500 Village Center Drive • North Oaks, MN

651-231-6276

marciahernick@edinarealty.com



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am IC Parish

10:00 am +Daniel Grow

11:30 am Cornelio Hernandez

Tuesday, January 16

7:30 am +Walter, Carol, Katie, David & Mark Guzik

Wednesday, January 17

7:30 am +Brian Drews

Thursday, January 18

8:30 am Patrick McVary

Friday, January 19

7:30 am +A. J. Breyer

Saturday, January 20

5:00 pm +James Malisheski

Sunday, January 21

8:00 am John Misik (birthday)

10:00 am IC Parish

11:30 am +Jesus Maria Sacta

+Deceased

Church Directory

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

Parish

Parish Office 763-788-9062

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Parish Fax 763-788-0202

Pastor, Fr. Matthew Quail x 215
(FRQuail@immac-church.org)

Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore x 205

Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon x 214

Director of Operations, Julie Moricz x 202

Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson x 218

Parish Office Coordinator, Ximena Bunay x 201

Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille x 212

Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser x 227

Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman x 221

Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick x 204

Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki x 210

Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott x 208

School

School Office 763-788-9065

School Fax 763-788-9066

Principal, Jane Bona x 220
(jbona@immac-church.org)

Director of Admissions, Lydia Zimmerman x 207

Director of Advancement, Seyha Saumweber x 203

Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko x 219

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Daryl Post • Maria Hamilton • Sue Nyvold • Jerry Earley
Stacy McVary • Miriam Ayala • Jonathan Tholen

Fr. Matthew Quail (Parochial Administrator)

Julie Moricz (Director of Operations)

Al Haeg (Parish Trustee)

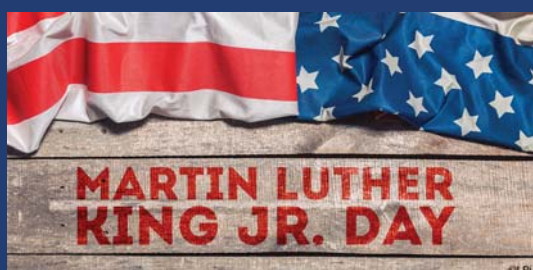
Patrick McVary (Parish Trustee)

Low Gluten Hosts

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available.

Come to the sacristy before Mass to request one.

Visit our website at ICCSonline.org



Gospel Meditation

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9:00 pm on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

—Father John Muir | ©LPI

Securing Our Financial Future

Parishioner Giving Update

Forecasted Giving for December:

\$ 60,000.00 (monthly budget amount)

Actual Contributions:

\$ 125,542.00 (giving through 12/27/23)

Over/Under:

\$ 65,542.00

Thank YOU for your generosity to IC!

Social Justice Ministry

Coins For Social Justice

The coin total for Sunday, December 24 was **\$304.34**. Thank you for your generosity!

We received a thank you from Haven House (formerly known as Ascension Place), one of the nonprofit organizations that we collected gift cards for on the Giving Tree. Here is some of what they had to say: *Thank you for taking action. You gave joy with your gift cards for families to Haven Housing on December 14, 2023. Putting your donation to work for the benefit of families is a joy. Thank you for being part of our community.*

The Annual Collection for Veterans Every Third Saturday Drop off today!

Your new or gently used items can be dropped off on January 13-14. There is a large, marked bin available in the church narthex for your donations.

Beyond Our Parish

Prayer Service for Life on Monday, January 22 at 10:30 am, Cathedral of Saint Paul, St. Paul. Please join us for the Annual Prayer Service for Life. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Saint John Paul II Champions for Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family and Youth at 651-291-4488.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Samuel answered, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'"
(1 Samuel 3:10)

Our Eucharistic adoration chapel is a quiet place where adorers can come to pray in the presence of our Lord. Often times through prayer or reading the bible during an adoration hour, adorers can discern what our Lord is saying to them. Then, just as Samuel said, they can also say: "Speak, your servant is listening". Everyone is invited to spend some time in adoration and prayer. 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 1:00 pm, Wednesdays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. We are also in need of partner adorers for many 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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

January 16-24

Pray to protect human life!

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message. 9DAYSFORLIFE.COM



Washburn - McReavy
washburn-mcreavy.com
Funeral Chapels, Cemeteries and Cremation Services

NORTHEAST CHAPEL

2901 Johnson Street NE
612.781.6828

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CHAPEL

4101 Central Avenue NE
763.789.4436

HILLSIDE CHAPEL

2610 19th Avenue NE
612.781.1999

Sarna's Classic Grill

763-788-3939

All You Can Eat Sunday Brunch 10-2
3939 University Ave., Columbia Heights



**ABC COATING CO.
OF MN, INC.**

Alfredo & Sylvia Rocha
Epoxy Coated Rebar
2500 W County Rd. B, Door 16A • Roseville
612-378-1855

VERNON S. HOIUM

~Attorney At Law~
• WILLS • PROBATE • SMALL BUSINESS • REAL ESTATE • ELDER LAW • ESTATE PLANNING
4111 Central Ave NE, Suite 206 S
www.hoiumlaw.com 763-788-1605



Dr. Andrew Wahl, Board Certified Orthodontist
612.788.9666 • Discoverbraces.com
850 County Road D West • New Brighton, MN 55112



ITALIAN RISTORANTE

Stacy & Stephen Travis
Parishioners

1435 Silver Lake Rd.

651-631-2744

\$5 OFF \$20 Purchase • Not Valid With Any Other Offers

**BILLMAN-HUNT FUNERAL CHAPEL
& CREMATION SERVICES**

Robert F., John M., Jeffery M., Hunt,
Directors

612-789-3535 2701 Central Ave. NE

**WARNER
CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC**

Dr. Leanne Warner
2726 Johnson St. N.E. • 612-789-1010
"New Patients Welcome"



Columbia Heights
763.788.5476



Spring Lake Park
763.253.1079

CHETSSHOES.COM



**ANGELL FAMILY
DENTISTRY, P.A.**

Combining Experience with Technology
763.788.2215
423 - 40th Ave NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
www.angellfamilydentistry.com • info@angellfamilydentistry.com



\$5 off of purchase of \$25 or more
763-710-5723
4005 Central Avenue NE
Columbia Heights
MEXICAN GRILL & BAR
not valid with other offers

Two reasons why we supply free loaners

Drive your car in, or have it toed.
Central Avenue Auto Body
2628 Central Ave. NE, Minneapolis
612-781-2711 • www.centralaveautobody.com



Edina Realty.



651-231-6276
500 Village Center Dr
North Oaks, MN 55127
marciahernick@edinarealty.com



www.ezplumbingmn.com



Home | Auto | Commercial | Recreation
Call me to shop the lowest rate for you
from the 30+ "A" rated carrier partners



763-781-9312 | 831 40TH AVE NE

BONA BROS. AUTOMOTIVE

Personal Attention ~
Commitment to Serve
5333 University Ave. (S.E. Corner of 694 & University)
763-586-6050 • www.bonabros.com

Immigration Attorney

**Chaudhary
Law Office**
(612) 206-3721
WWW.CHAUDHARYLAW.COM

Terry Pepper

Agent
612-255-9846
tpepper@onesourceib.com
https://terrypepperinsurance.com/
1300 Godward St., Suite 300 • Minneapolis, MN 55413

763-511-2122

45th Ave NE & Central
Follow us on Facebook or
Twitter at tastypizzamn
Order online at
www.tastypizzatogo.com
God Bless & Thank You for your support!



6210 Hwy 65 NE
Fridley, MN 55432
763-571-1300

Burial • Cremation • Gatherings

Whether you
choose burial
or cremation,
we're here to
honor your
wishes.

IF YOU LIVE ALONE

MDMedAlert!™ CALL NOW!

✓ Ambulance/Police
✓ Family/Friends
✓ GPS & Fall Alert
800.808.9294
md-medalert.com

As Low As
\$19⁹⁵
/mo.



Got Snow?

Call 612-407-4141

Angel Polivio
Owner & Parishioner
Snow Removal on Weekends

HEIGHTS BAKERY

4925 Central Ave NE
Open Tues-Fri 5am-6pm • Saturday 6am-4pm
763-572-0624
Debbie Doty, Parishioner

**Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!**

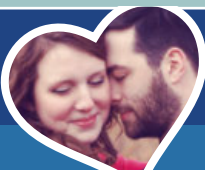
Instantly create and
purchase an ad with



4lpi.com/adcreator

catholicmatch®
Minnesota

CatholicMatch.com/MN



LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Kristee Flynn

kflynn@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2251



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

Immaculate Conception, Columbia Heights, MN

A 4C 02-0437