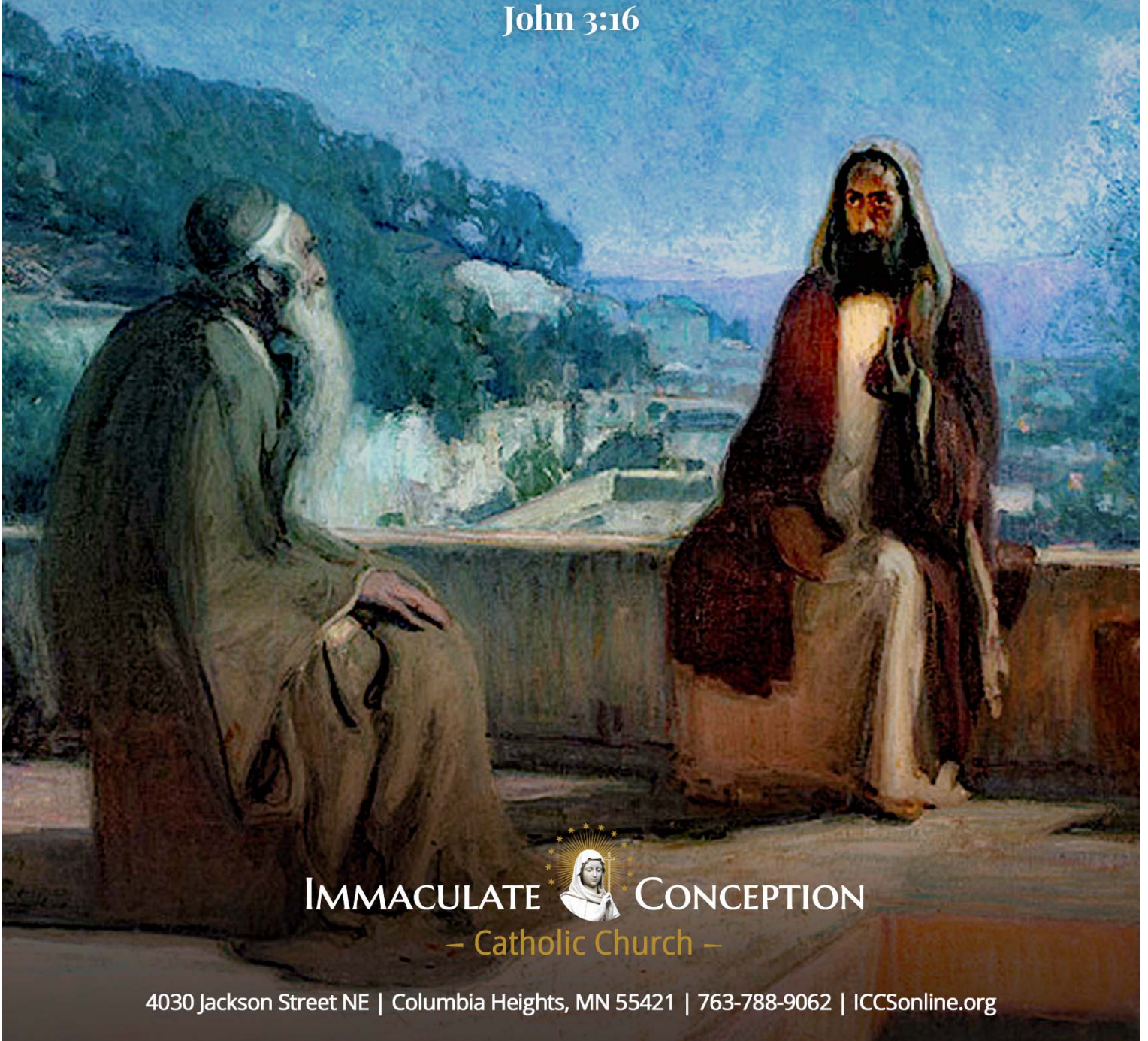


March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes
in him might not perish but
might have eternal life.”

John 3:16



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Parish News

“Bring Up the Gifts”

God calls us to serve in many ways. IC invites you to “bring up the gifts” at Mass.

The presentation of the gifts marks the beginning of the second major part of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This preparation has been traditionally called the offertory since the priest prepares the gifts to be offered.

During the Mass, the offertory involves very simple gestures. Families will pick up the bread and the wine from the table in the back. Then, they will bring the gifts forward to present to the priest to be brought to the altar. After giving the gifts to the priest, it is customary to bow to the altar before returning to your pew. We especially encourage volunteers from families whose relatives are part of the Mass intentions for that particular liturgy.

To volunteer, just speak to one of the ushers before Mass. Thank you!

Dr. Ray

Help Us Conserve Energy!

We are blessed with a vibrant and active faith community and have noticed that often people remain after services and events to talk and pray with one another. We may get so involved in our own activities that we fail to notice lights on as we leave the building.

There have been several instances in the past few months, especially in Fellowship Hall and other areas of the church, where lights have remained on overnight. If you are the last person in the building, please take a moment to verify that everything is safe and secure, including all lights are turned off.

We appreciate your assistance in helping us conserve resources for future generations.

Easter Memorials

Please consider a financial contribution, in memory of a loved one, to help with the cost of our Easter flowers and decorations. We will publish the memorial names in a bulletin after Easter, so they can be remembered in a special way throughout the Easter season. Please mark all contributions: *Easter Flower Memorial* and mail or drop off at the parish office. Thank you in advance for your special contribution.

Next Sunday, March 17, join us for a PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Fellowship Hall
8:30 - 11:30 am

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, potatoes, eggs, beverages and, next Sunday only, corn beef hash while supply lasts!

Adults \$8.00 | Ages 6-11 \$5.00 | Kids 5 years and younger free

Credit and debit cards now accepted

This month's proceeds benefit preschool student meals!



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 on our website, ICCOnline.org.

Mass Schedule

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| 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 |

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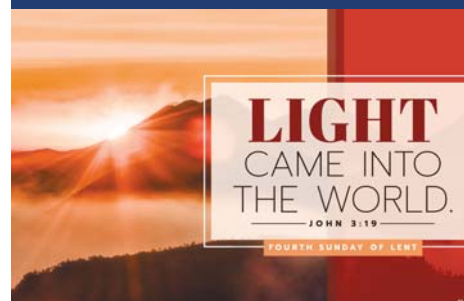
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| Saturday | 3:00 - 4:45 pm |
| Thursday | 7:00 - 8:00 pm |

Stations of the Cross

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| Friday | 2:00 pm |
| | (bilingual) 6:30 pm |

Eucharistic Adoration

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



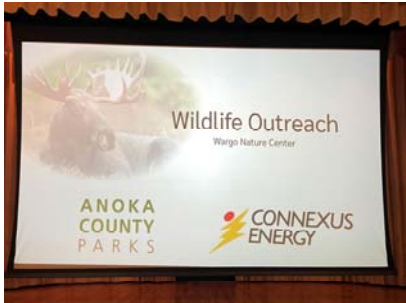
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School News

Wargo Nature Center

On Friday, February 23rd, grades K-8 had a visit from Wargo Nature Center where they got to learn about different animals. K-4 learned about moose and 5-8 learned about wolves. The students were shown pictures of moose and wolves, and videos of the animals in the wild. Grades K-4 tried to hold their breath as long as a moose can while the 5-8 kids tried to imitate a wolf's howl. The students were thrilled and learned so much!



Students Visit Stinson Electric

Five of our 8th graders visited Mr. Paul Archambault, owner of Stinson Electric. The students brought a card signed by the 8th grade class, thanking Stinson Electric for their continued support of our school!

They also had the opportunity to learn about trade school and what a career as an electrician looks like. It was a great opportunity to show gratitude and learn!



The Catholic Athletic Association

The Catholic Athletic Association (CAA) is celebrating its 75th Anniversary on **Monday, April 15, 2024**. The event will honor **Hannah Brandt, Joe Mauer** and the **Mauer Family**. The event will also honor the families of the organization's founders - Fr. Otto Neudecker, Bob Doran, and John Hajlo. Registration and sponsorship opportunities for this event can be found at www.stpaulcaa.org. Help share the stories and memories of the CAA by sharing your photos, jerseys or other memorabilia. For more information contact Megan Jacobson at megan.jacobson@stpaulcaa.org or 651-321-1013.



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Social Justice Ministry

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign



The largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves. They envision a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food, and no one struggles with food insecurity. This initiative directly ad-

dresses these issues. We invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term food solutions to insecurity in our communities. All food collected at IC will go to SACA. Please use the wooden bin in the narthex for your donations.

Feed My Starving Children

The IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us to help collect funds for Feed My Starving Children.



Ways to Help:

- **M&Ms fill the tube program:** Please return on or before Palm Sunday, April 24 filled with \$14 in quarters, bills or a check. (We will provide a basket in the narthex each Sunday for returns).
- **Cash Contribution:** If writing a check please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Checks written to Feed My Starving Children will not go toward the fundraiser. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass, in the envelopes provided or an envelope clearly marked: Feed My Starving Children.
- **Pray** for all those who are hungry.

Coins for Social Justice

The next collection will be on March 23-24.

A Message from Family Promise

Dear The Church of the Immaculate Conception,

Thank you for your support of the mission of Family Promise in Anoka County. Your donation of \$500 on 11/9/2023 is greatly appreciated as we serve more families, in more unique and individualized ways, throughout our community.

We have seen so much growth and opportunity in the past year, and it would not have been possible without your support!

On behalf of everyone at Family Promise in Anoka County, thank you again for your generous contribution that provides support for so many families experiencing homelessness and allows us to continue our mission to help families!

Sincerely,

David Frei
Executive Director

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 · Steve Applen · Paul Bona · Tom Botzet
Vickie Botzet · Karen Drews · Mary Fredenburg
Shawn Frederixon · Len Jurek · Marge Klimek
Anna Larson · Steven Lauinger · 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.

Fellowship this Sunday!

Join us for donuts, oatmeal and beverages in Fellowship Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Mass.

Soup Lunch

Join us this Friday, March 15, 11:30 am-1:30 pm for Soup Lunch followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm.



This Week's Readings

Sunday, March 10, 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday, March 11

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17, 5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Differences Between Priest & Brothers

Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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Word of Life

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5).

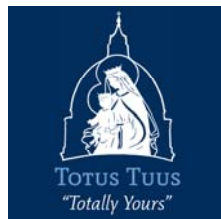
Faith Formation

Save the dates!

Totus Tuus Summer Program:

June 9-13 (Sunday through Thursday evenings) for grades 7-12.

June 10-14 (Monday through Friday during the day) for grades 1-6.



Catholic Trivia!

Question: According to tradition, what symbol or sign is associated with Saint Jerome?

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Answer: The lion.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 10

8:00 am +Julie Seneris

10:00 am Fr. John Mitchell

11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, March 12

7:30 am +Joe, Othelia and Matt Kowal

Wednesday, March 13

7:30 am +Lorraine Mell

Thursday, March 14

8:30 am Steve Lauinger

Friday, March 15

7:30 am +Kathryn Fraser

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm Fr. James Peterson

Sunday, March 17

8:00 am IC Parish

10:00 am McVary Family

11:30 am +Oscar Gonzales

+Deceased

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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.

Gospel Meditation

4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

—Father John Muir | ©LPI



Eucharistic Adoration

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord, whoever follows me will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Our Eucharistic adoration chapel is available Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. All are invited and encouraged to come and pray in our chapel as a part of their Lenten journey.

We are looking for more scheduled adorers. **We need volunteers to cover the following hours: Mondays at 1:00 pm, Tuesdays at 1:00 pm, Wednesdays at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, 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.

Securing Our Financial Future

Parishioner Giving Update

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| February Stewardship Goal: | \$ 60,000 |
| Donations through February 22: | \$ 45,220 |
| Over/Under: | (\$ 14,780) |

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What: Learn how to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit, fellowship, Rosary, Mass, praise and worship, and prayer.

Where: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

When: Friday March 15, 6:00–9:00 pm and
Saturday March 16, 8:00 am–9:00 pm.

Cost: \$30 love offering for all food, talks, and materials.

How to Register and Pay: After Mass or in the parish office. You can also email Mary Nawrocki at mnawrocki@immac-church.org and pay onsite.

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Qué: Aprender cómo profundizar en las Escrituras y en la relación con el Espíritu Santo, crecer en comunidad a través de la Misa, Rosario, Alabanza y oración.

Dónde: Iglesia Católica Inmaculada Concepción.

Cuando: Viernes 15 de Marzo 6:00 pm—9:00 pm y
Sábado Marzo 16 8:00 am - 9:00 pm.

Costo: \$30 Ofrenda de Amor para comida, charlas y materiales.

Cómo registrarse y pagar: Después de la Misa, o en la oficina. También puede enviar un correo electrónico a mnawrocki@immac-church.org y pagar en el sitio.

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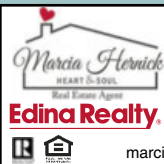
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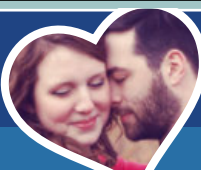
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