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OFFICE HOURS

Business Manager: Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs: 8 am-3 pm
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Friday: 9 am-Noon

MASSES, ADORATION, CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday: 4:30 pm @ IC (also Live on Zoom)
Sunday: 8:00 am @ SP and 10:00 am @ IC

Daily Mass by Zoom only. See website for info.

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

Email Father at frcfulton@gmail.com to receive Jesus' Mercy at a safe distance.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

You must register for WEEKEND MASSES in order to attend. Please visit our Parish Website or call the Parish Office during office hours to register for Mass. Please sign up between 9:00 am Tuesday and 4:00 pm Friday for the upcoming weekend Masses. Thank You!

PLEASE wear a mask when attending Mass.

MISSION STATEMENT OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PATRICK CHURCHES

To become Disciples of Jesus, nourished by the Sacraments and supporting each other in Faith, as we bring Him to our Community and the World in Witness, Service, and Love.

July 12, 2020 — 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seeds are sown, we must properly maintain them.

What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients.

What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seed of God's Word could produce in us! ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Weekday Mass is LIVE via Zoom at 8 am
& posted on the website at 9 am.**

† *For the Repose of the Soul*

Mon.	July 13	NO MASS	
Tues.	July 14	8:00 am	† Lois Mellon
Wed.	July 15	8:00 am	† Linda Higgins
Thur.	July 16	8:00 am	† Fr. John Jay Hughes
Fri.	July 17	8:00 am	End to COVID-19
Sat.	July 18	8:00 am	† Mary Gibson
		4:30 pm*	† George Floyd / Healing and Justice in our Nation
Sun.	July 19	8:00 am*	† Lorraine Bennett
		10:00 am*	People of the Parish

***Bold indicates Masses open only to those signed up.
Weekday Masses are not open to the public.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesday Every Month
3:30 PM at IC Parish Hall**

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering, in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul. Please call the Parish Office (815-589-3542) if you have any questions, would like to attend a meeting, or want to join this amazing group. *Find out how good it feels to give!*

**Divine Mercy & Rosary Every Monday
3:00 PM at IC Parish Hall**

Please join us on Mondays at the IC Parish Hall to pray the Rosary. Starting July 6, 2020, we will meet 3:00 pm every Monday. Please wear a mask when attending. Do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office if you have any questions (815-589-3542). *God Bless Us, Everyone!*

Never Underestimate “The Power of Prayer”

Please send your prayer requests for the Prayer Chain to the Parish Office, or go to our website and fill out the request form. If you have questions regarding the Prayer Chain, please call Doreen at the Parish Office.

Electronic Giving: Please visit our Parish Website at www.icspchurches.org or contact the Parish Office at 815-589-3542 for more information.

Please Note: When setting up your on-line account for electronic giving, your Parishioner ID is your weekly offering Envelope Number. If you don't know or do not have an envelope number, use the default number given to you online. The Parish Office will make corrections as needed for proper posting. Please call if you need help.

Examining the Splendor of Truth (1997; 7/5 Column)

The last column from St. JPPI's letter on Truth & Morality (#98-99) was deep, but also reflective of our current culture, even before recent tragic events and upheaval. This week and next I want to examine the text more closely that we might look inward at our own outlook and thinking so as to let God's grace lead us into truth.

In light of these last months, I can't help but think of Langston Hughes' famous poem, "Harlem":

"What happens to a dream deferred? Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? Or fester like a sore — And then run?... Or does it *explode*?" (excerpt of full poem, 1951; emphasis original)

It rightly captures the hearts of the African-American community as a whole right now—what St. JPPI calls "a growing reaction of indignation on the part of very many people whose fundamental human rights have been trampled upon and held in contempt." That is not rationalization of the violence and destruction in response to injustices, just an understanding of the source of their explosive rage. Not all just indignation resulted in violence, and if we are to move forward and heal as a nation, we need to look inward and outward with context and reason. St. JPPI rightly expresses the needed path: "an ever more widespread and acute sense of *the need for a radical* personal and social *renewal* capable of ensuring justice, solidarity, honesty and openness." (emphasis original)

This "radical" renewal is not the equal and opposite error of destructive rage or indiscriminately tearing down the past seen these last weeks, but rather the difficult interior examen of where we have overlooked unjust discrimination or racist remarks or let subtle prejudice blind us.

This examen is hard work, which is why St. JPPI writes, "Certainly there is a long and difficult road ahead; bringing about such a renew will require enormous effort." However, transforming society begins with honest examination and the responsible conversion of individuals.

Nevertheless, St. JPPI identifies in history and personal experience the root causes of this longing for true justice and the triumph of goodness: "At the heart of the issues of culture we find the *moral* sense, which is in turn rooted and fulfilled in the *religious* sense." Human intuition of good and evil actions flows from and leads to the intuition of a "Higher [i.e., transcendent] Power" that we might call the "religious sense," even if only in a general meaning of belief in virtue and transcendent ideals.

However, St. JPPI rightly grounds this religious sense in God: "Only God, the Supreme Good, constitutes the unshakable foundation and essential condition of morality." He points out: "The Supreme Good and the moral good meet in truth: the truth of God, the Creator and Redeemer, and the truth of man, created and redeemed by him." This longing for true justice and true dignity is rooted in God, Who is Truth (i.e., "what is"; reality stripped of my personal preferences.) Our sense of perfection flows from the One Who is perfect Truth, Good and Beauty. Only in rightly knowing God will renewal come.

Happy JULY Birthdays

July 1 Jennifer Graf	July 17 Landry Sellers
July 3 James Schmerse	July 17 Rawleigh Sellers
July 5 Shelly Spencer	July 20 Rita Weets
July 5 Nadine Brabender	July 22 Philip Bruno
July 5 Isaac Floming	July 22 Mardelle Dykstra
July 8 Lauren Frick	July 22 Michelle Naftzger
July 8 Ella Holmbo	July 23 Carolyn Ziegler
July 8 Olivia Knott	July 24 Ellen Schmitt
July 9 Nichole Schroeder	July 25 Thomas Doty
July 10 Nancy Anglese	July 25 James Hand
July 13 Josiah Heald	July 28 Sandy Herrington
July 15 Allison Martinez	July 28 Jack Lemke
July 15 Beverly Schmerse	July 29 Alyssa Nitschke
July 16 Chris Mussman	July 30 Wells Frick
	July 30 Lillian Sterenberg

Happy JULY Anniversaries

July 4 William & Pam Wisor
July 6 John & Margaret Thunstedt
July 8 Robert & Nancy Countryman
July 16 Brinton & Kayla Sellers
July 22 Ted & Lois Wilk
July 22 Terry & Jeanine Tufty
July 24 Mark & Doreen Hughes

"The Good Stewards"

6:00 PM, Sunday, July 12, 2020

Spring Valley Reformed Church — Outdoor Stage
10960 Spring Valley Road, Fulton, Illinois

Come join us for an evening of awesome country gospel music and ministry. Bring a lawn chair or just sit in your car.

Flowers this weekend at I.C.

*Blessed Mary's Side in Loving Memory of
David Hansen by Jan Hansen*

*St. Joseph's Side in Loving Memory of
J. Eldon Streff by Jim Field*

SCRIP CARDS: The Parish Office is now OPEN and SCRIP Cards are available to parishioners during office hours, as listed on the front of this bulletin. Please wear a mask when entering the Parish Office.

LECTORS, USHERS, & GREETERS: Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to Lector, Usher, or Greet during weekend Masses. **We need two Greeters, two Ushers, and one Lector at each Weekend Mass.**

PARISH OFFICE is OPEN!

Please wear a mask when entering the Office.

Please Pray for Our Sick Members

Sue Amman, Donna Buikema, Elaine Carlson, Robert (Bob) Dickherber, Fr. Arley Downie, Wayne Higgins, Mary Lou Johnson, Marty Nitschke, Richard Sanderson, Kathleen Schipper, Beverly Schmerse, Lefty Ward

Homebound, Retirement, or Nursing Home List

Mardelle Dykstra @ Alverno
Leah Kustes @ Eagle Point
Joan Luce @ Alverno
Joan Reeser @ Alverno
Carolyn Ziegler @ Bickford

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jean M. Griffin, who died on Sunday, July 5, 2020.** She was a former member of Immaculate Conception Church.

Holy Communion to the Homebound

Holy Communion to Homebound has been temporarily suspended due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic. Please pray for all those who are homebound and in nursing homes, that they may remain in good health. **Please pray for an end to this world-wide health threat.**



Featured Pantry Items for JULY 2020

Albany Food Pantry - Food, Health, Hygiene
Items; Cleaning and Laundry Products

Clinton Pregnancy Center - Thermometers and
First Aid Kits

Fulton Area Food Pantry - Adults & Kids Toothpaste

If you want to donate items, IC Parish Hall front doors will be open; boxes are in the foyer for drop-off during Parish Office hours. Please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office at 815-589-3542.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**American Family Insurance
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IC Counters for Wednesday, July 15, 2020,
9:00 am at the IC Hall (with masks) are:

Tony Kuebel, Janann Sanderson
Joyce Zajicek



WEEKEND of JULY 18 & 19, 2020

	Saturday, 4:30 pm @ IC	Sunday, 8:00 am @ SP	Sunday, 10:00 am @ IC
Lector:	Brenda Woods	Dick Blair	Kathy Kuebel
Greeters:	Marge Hook & Volunteer	Dan, Michelle & James Burke	Nick & Lisa Leonard
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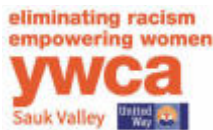
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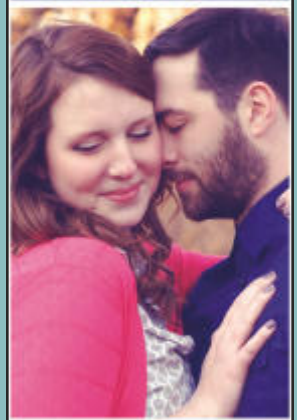
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