

# Welcome to our Catholic Parishes

## Immaculate Conception

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## Saint Patrick

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Business Manager:** Mon-Tues-Wed-Thurs: 8 am–3 pm  
**Parish Secretary:** Tues-Wed: 9 am–3 pm  
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.**

**Adoration: During Tuesday & Saturday Confession**

### RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

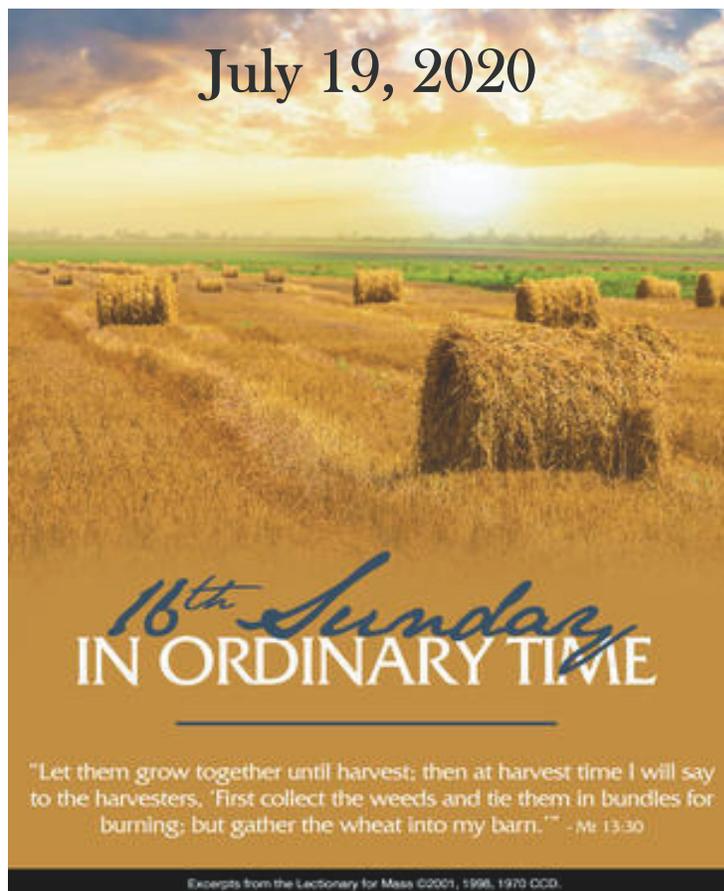
**IC: Tues. 4:30pm–5:15pm; Sat. 9am–10am**

**SP: Sun. 7:15am–7:45am @ SP**

**OR Email Fr to set a time ([frcfulton@gmail.com](mailto:frcfulton@gmail.com)).**

### PLEASE REGISTER FOR WEEKEND MASSES

To reserve a place, you must register for WEEKEND MASSES. Please visit our Parish Website by 4pm Friday or call the Parish Office during office hours to sign up. Failure to register may result in being turned away at the door due to social distancing needs. **Masks required.** TY!



Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. Many beat themselves up because of their sins. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, as they appear attractive, healthy, and grow very quickly. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy, avoid judgment, and to weed our own garden.

Patience and understanding are the order of the day. God is the ultimate caller of the shots. Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph.

Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds!

### 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.**

## 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 20	NO MASS	
Tues.	July 21	8:00 am	End to COVID-19
Wed.	July 22	8:00 am	† Dolores Eisenbeis
Thur.	July 23	8:00 am	† Linda Higgins
Fri.	July 24	8:00 am	† George Floyd / Healing and Justice in Our Nation
Sat.	July 25	8:00 am <b>4:30 pm*</b>	† Gerald Cossman People of the Parish
Sun.	July 26	<b>8:00 am*</b> <b>10:00 am*</b>	† Ashley Lisius † Judy Koenes

**\*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  
Next Mtg. 7-22-20, 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](http://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.

### Truth, Freedom and the Dictatorship of Relativism

(Examining of “The Splendor of Truth”, JPPII, #98-99)

Last week (7/12) we looked at the first 1/3 of the July 5<sup>th</sup> column reflecting on our societal desire for renewal towards true justice and respect of human dignity. We closed with St. JPPII's observation that our human morality (“moral good”) that longs for this justice and renewal must ultimately find its root in God, the Supreme Good and foundation of Truth (7/5 column; 1/3 down).

Immediately following this, St. John Paul argues:

“Only upon this truth is it possible to construct a renewed society and to solve the complex and weighty problems affecting it, **above all the problem of over-coming the various forms of totalitarianism**, so as to make way for the authentic freedom of the person.”

When we think of totalitarianism, we think of Hitler, Stalin, North Korea or similar. However, here St. JPPII is using the word in a general sense and, indeed, a conceptual sense that includes a totalitarianism of ideas and thinking. It is more abstract because ideologies don't have physical bodies. Nevertheless, they can be just as imposing when they are uncritically accepted in the human mind through the educational system, filtering down gradually from universities into the culture as a whole. One of St. John Paul's emphasis in the letter was a logical critique of the philosophical ideology called Relativism, which grew in popularity throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century because of its flexibility to justify any behavior in spite of the fact that it is a logical contradiction.

Relativism is the denial of objective (transcendent) truth and reduces all truth to a matter of personal opinion where all opinion is equally valid. St. JPPII rightly notes:

“Totalitarianism arises out of a denial of truth in the objective sense. **If there is no transcendent truth, in obedience to which man achieves his full identity, then there is no sure principle for guaranteeing just relations between people.** Their self-interest as a class, group or nation would inevitably set them in opposition to one another. If one does not acknowledge transcendent truth, then the force of power takes over, and each person tends to make full use of the means at his disposal in order to impose his own interests or his own opinion, with no regard for the rights of others....”

This letter was written in 1997. Both St. JPPII and the future Pope Benedict (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger) prophetically saw the logical consequences of Relativism. In 2005 before the conclave, Ratzinger would proclaim:

“To have a clear faith, according to the creed of the Church, is often labeled as fundamentalism. While relativism, that is, allowing oneself to be carried about with every wind of doctrine,” seems to be the only attitude that is fashionable. **A dictatorship of relativism is being constituted that recognizes nothing as absolute and which only leaves the ‘I’ and its whims as the ultimate measure.**” This is the root of our division.

**"Alleluia Quartet"**

**6:00 PM, Sunday, July 19, 2020**

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

We enjoyed them so much last month, that we are having them back. Come and enjoy this unique style of four-part harmony to witness the love of God in their lives and to enjoy an evening of awesome music and ministry. Bring a lawn chair or just sit in your car.

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**Immaculate Conception Church—June Offerings**

Envelopes \$ 5,903

Online \$ 1,875

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**IC June Total Offerings \$ 8,049**

**St. Patrick Church—June Offerings**

Envelopes \$ 2,900

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**SCRIP CARDS—UPCOMING ORDER DATES**

SCRIP Cards are available for sale at the Parish Office. Office hours are listed on the front of the bulletin. Sale of SCRIP Cards after weekend Masses has been suspended during the COVID Pandemic. Here are the upcoming SCRIP order dates:

**Monday July 27, 2020**

**Tuesday September 8, 2020**

**Monday October 5, 2020**

**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.**

**LECTORS, USHERS, & GREETERS**

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

*Flowers this weekend at I.C.*

*Blessed Mary's Side in Loving Memory of  
Beverly Bonneur  
by Sue & Warren Amman*

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of MARY JOE DYKSTRA, who passed away Saturday, July 11, 2020.** Mary Joe was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, and memorials may be made to the church in her name. Please remember Mary Joe, and all the faithful departed, in your prayers.

**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



**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.**

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**IC Counters for Wednesday, July 22, 2020,  
6:30 pm at the IC Hall (with masks) are:**

Vicki Allshouse, Nick Leonard  
Andy Simmons



**WEEKEND of JULY 25 & 26, 2020**

**Lector:** Saturday, 4:30 pm @ IC  
Kelsay Rieck  
**Greeters:** Marge Hook & Alison Hughes  
**Ushers:** Irv & Mary Sanderson  
**Cleaners:** Alison Hughes

**Sunday, 8:00 am @ SP**  
Myona McKenna  
J.Price, J.Kavanaugh & T.Doty  
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Scheduled by St. Pat's

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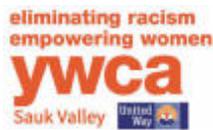
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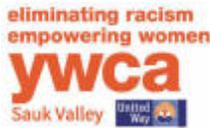
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