



# SAINT MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Sunday, October 4, 2020*

*27th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday**

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

**Monday through Friday**

6:15am

## Confessions and Adoration

**Thursdays**

5:30pm-6:30pm

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# PRAY THE ROSARY

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

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## FROM FATHER NATHAN



Dear Friends at Saint Frances Cabrini Parish and Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish:

Praised be Jesus Christ! As we cross into October, we find ourselves again observing Respect Life Sunday today in this country. In this contentious election year, and in the context of another heated national conversation over the nomination of a new Supreme Court Justice, the issues

surrounding the sanctity of human life are "front and center."

Much of the emphasis on Respect Life Sunday tends to land on the very important topic of abortion and all that goes with it. This is a bit unfortunate because, for as fundamental and critical as opposition to abortion is from a personal and public policy perspective, it can at times keep us from seeing the broader set of issues that go along with rightly understanding personhood and life.

Opposition to abortion is one logical component of a larger perspective that seeks to understand human nature according to the fullness of God's design. As one understands the dignity and meaning of humanity as God created it, one realizes that respecting life means honoring and upholding a consistent set of ethical and behavioral principles that have a wide reach. Respecting life means respecting personhood, which is not merely about the beginning and ending of biological life, about life in the womb and life in a Hospice. It is about how one treats those who are vulnerable, and about how one seeks to uphold justice, equality, and the meeting of basic human needs for all members of society. These are questions of poverty, race, compensation for wages, our criminal justice system, the financial protection of stable family life, etc. etc. In short, if one is imbued with a deep and sincere sense of wonder and awe over what a person is, as God has created us, then we do not treat people as disposable commodities. That is true in the womb, it is true in the factory, it is true in the hospital, it is true in the jail.

There is more, though. These days respecting life means respecting the boundaries of what we can and cannot tamper with in the realm of God's plan for the human body and God's plan for our human vocation. Respecting life means opposing artificial contraception, in vitro fertilization, same sex marriages

and activities, any type of gay sub culture, swift divorce processes, transgender sexual reassignment surgeries, any theory of gender that denies we are made as male and female, and any attempt to manufacture/ create life outside of the womb. Respecting life means opposition to pornography, masturbation, fornication, and adultery. Respecting life also means respecting our fundamental right to worship and practice our faith publicly, and our right to give expression to our faith by creating public policies that regulate all of the above practices so that humanity can be fully and adequately protected.

All of this has to do with the correct understanding of the dignity and meaning of the human person. If the last few decades have taught us anything, it is that all of the above stands and falls logically as a whole. If a person or society begins to rationalize or justify a departure from God's plan in even just one of the above concrete areas, it leads inevitably to the demise of the rest of them. We have rampant abortions in our era because we have justified a whole host of other behaviors and factors that lead to them, all of which undermine life and humanity. It is not enough to merely oppose abortion. One must oppose a whole host of behaviors that violate God's vocation and plan for humanity if one is going to be truly pro-life.

All of this is why election years and supreme court picks can pose such challenges for us. Americans these days are a people of divergent and contradictory allegiances, and our two-party political apparatus is a reflection of this chaotic fact. It is not possible for a candidate or party that is in favor of abortion to respect human life. That is a fundamental contradiction. At the same time, even if a candidate or party publicly and rightly opposes legalized abortion, they must also be committed to opposing all of the other social forces that denigrate humanity and frequently give rise to abortions in the first place. That is a tall order these days.

Our fervent prayers for the respect for life are very important. Prayer does lead to the transformation of hearts which ultimately must lead to public policies that do protect the human person in its fullness. We will continue to pray, and we will continue to commit ourselves to the total creation of a comprehensive culture of life.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
West Bend Life Chain  
intersection of Main and Paradise.  
For more information,  
call Jean Jones at 262-422-4779.

Listen to Father Nathan this week on the radio

### The Inner Life

Thursday, October 8, 2020  
11:00am live and re-airs at 9:00pm  
Check out [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com)  
to listen to past shows and more.

### SAVE THE DATE

**DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020**

### TWINNING-SAN GASPAR

The **Mission Appeal** was last Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to donate to our annual Mission Appeal. Drop it in the collection basket, bring it to the parish office or you can donate online.

### **Pencil Case Project**

On **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**, ushers will be handing out pencil cases to be filled with donations to help enable elementary school children in Taulabe, Honduras. Please return the pencil cases by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, October 5**

6:15am +Marvin & +Marie Kordosky

### **Tuesday, October 6**

6:15am +Dorothy Wagner

### **Wednesday, October 7**

6:15am +Matt, +Eunice, & +Mary Klein

### **Thursday, October 8**

6:15am +Norma Bruhn

### **Friday, October 9**

6:15am +William & +Bernadette Prim

### **Sunday, October 11**

7:30am +Robert Mueller

9:30am +Tom Malnory

12:00pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

### **Mass Intention Openings:**

Sunday, November 1st at 12:00pm

Wednesday, November 25th at 6:15am

Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm

Friday, December 4th at 6:15am

## NOW HIRING

### **Saint Mary's PT-MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT SFC-PT-BEFORE/AFTERCARE TEACHER**

## SCRIP SALES!

Scrip is being sold after Masses each weekend.

## MASS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

### **Sunday, November 8th - 3:00pm in the church**

As in previous years, the names of those who died in the past year are automatically included.

If you wish to include the name and picture of a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 262.338.5600 or drop off the name, picture, and date of death to the parish office by Monday, October 26.

## PARISH CONTACTS

*Please see the website for a complete staff listing*

**Parish Office.....(262) 338-5600**

**Catholic Formation.....(262) 338-5605**

### **Shared Pastor**

Father Nathan Reesman.....nreesman@wbparishes.org

### **Shared Associate Pastor**

Father Carlos Londono.....clondono@wbparishes.org

**Cemetery Sexton.....Chuck Lepak (262) 334-2436**

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### **Trustees**

Mary Swosinski

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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### **WEDDING BANNS:**

III Sarah Wollner and Anthony Artymiuk

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to Bridget Hoffmann & Jeremy Wichmann who were married on September 26th.

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioner who has recently passed away:

### ***Joan Bodden***

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### **WELCOME NEWLY BAPTIZED:**

### ***Adrian Isaiah***

Son of Valeria Vazquez

## CHURCH CLEANING

Thank you to our September church cleaners...

Mary Moll, Jean Franke, David Jessup, Marilyn and Gwynn Theusch, Judy Barwick and Beth Habersetzer.

Our next church cleaning will be Saturday, October 31, at 7am.

## PARISH INFORMATION

### **New Members**

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-12noon

### **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for more information.

### **Baptism**

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

### **Marriage**

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

### **Communion for the Homebound**

Call the parish office.

### **Sacrament of the Sick**

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### **Miscarriage Ministry**

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

### **Bulletin, E-bulletin, and Pulpit announcements**

Contact Tammy Waech [twaech@wbparishes.org](mailto:twaech@wbparishes.org).

### **Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.**

### **Parish Social Media**

Facebook: @ImmaculateConceptionWestBend

Twitter: @WBParishes

### **Honduras Mission:**

Visit: [www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar](http://www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar) for details and to get involved.

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