



# SAINT MARY'S IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, October 18, 2020

29th 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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## DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY



Friday, October 23, 2020  
4:00pm-6:30pm



Approach the Fish Fry from Barton Ave. on Roosevelt.  
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- \*3 piece fried \$10
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- \*chicken strips \$6
- (extra piece of fish or chicken-\$2)
- Dinner includes French Fries or German Potato Salad, applesauce or coleslaw, RYE bread, ketchup and tartar sauce.
- \*NO beverages or dessert will be sold or included in their dinner.
- \*NO sit-down dining.

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

Praised be Jesus Christ! Only a couple of weeks from the election, we are offered this Sunday for our meditation the famous scene from Matthew's Gospel wherein Jesus is asked the explosive question about taxes and politics.

In First Century Palestine, the question of how to deal with Roman occupation in Judea was constantly on the minds of those who lived there. For many of the average citizens, Rome's presence in their territory was offensive and unwelcome, but it was also tolerated for reasons of practicality. Rome brought trade, Rome brought its own order, Rome allowed commerce and jobs. Rome allowed the Jerusalem temple, as a major house of worship, to operate largely without interference, but only as long as there was no social unrest among the Jews against the Emperor. The temple was not merely a prayer space for the pious residents of the Jewish territories. The temple was a major pilgrimage destination which brought in revenue, provided jobs, maintained a social fabric, and also maintained a historical tie to the Jewish past wherein they were once a proud and politically independent people. Those who ran the temple walked a fine line of appeasing both the Romans and the restless population in what was something of a powder keg of political and religious tensions. This meant that it was not possible for someone to be "neutral" on the question of Rome and of the Temple. Both were dominating presences in the daily lives of the people, in an era when there was no distinction between politics and religion. They were essentially both the same thing.

This explains in part why the Pharisees seek in today's Gospel to make Jesus pick a side in the major argument of the day. By this point he, too, has become a high-profile public figure drawing crowds and interest, and thereby potentially causing unrest in the streets which could be very dangerous for the fragile arrangement with Rome. Whose side is he on? That's what they wanted to know. Maybe it was jealousy on their part, but, if one places oneself in the context of that era, one can see how it would be very maddening for a person of such status to claim no position on a matter that everyone worried a great deal about.

So, today we hear them ask Jesus in a public debate in Jerusalem to state his opinion. Enough is enough. Will you pay the census tax to the Romans, or not? In other words, are you for us, or are you against us? Pro-Rome or anti-Rome? Whichever side he picks, they know Jesus is going to lose because each side is a potential party in a growing cultural war.

Jesus, who is God (read "religion" in the purest sense) does not pick a side in their political debate, simply telling his questioners to give to Caesar what is uniquely Caesar's, and to God what is uniquely God's. He chooses instead to maintain a position that advances essential ethical principles about the truth of God and man, life and death, while at the same time refusing to directly identify the Kingdom of God with any specific, earthly political agenda. Knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God will give rise to political positions, but it will always be broader and deeper than any one, earthly mode and method of governance. In this way, God allows religion its own proper sphere of influence in the political realm, while at the same time not making it identical with politics. The two must shape each other, but they must remain distinct.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### In Search of the Catholic Vote:

#### Why it's Complicated.

With Father Nathan

Sunday, October 25, 2020

11:30am-12:30pm at SFC Church

### "Does God Have a Plan?"

#### Lessons from Isaiah In Exile"

Presentation by Father Nathan

Saint Frances Cabrini Church

Monday, October 26 (7pm) and repeated

Tuesday, October 27 (9am)

### Community Blood Drive

Monday, October 26

2pm-6:30pm in Mother Cabrini Hall

### Morning of Prayer for our Country

Saturday, October 31 8am-12noon

Saint Frances Cabrini Church

### Women of Christ Morning Retreat

Saturday, November 7 at Saint Mary's

8am-12noon

**\*SEE ALL THE DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE\***

## TWINNING UPDATES

### PENCIL CASE PROJECT

Last weekend pencil cases marked "Amigos Unidos" were handed out to families at Mass. Additional cases can be found on the kiosk in the Parish Center Lobby. Proceeds will help to enable grade school children in Taulabe, Honduras, to get an education. By filling the pencil case with coins, cash or a check, you will be helping a child attend grade school by supplying them with a uniform, shoes, book bag and/or school supplies. Make checks payable to "Immaculate Conception" and note in the memo "Pencil Case Project". Return the pencil case in one of the wicker baskets labeled "Pencil Case Project" located at all church entrances. You can also drop them off at the parish office. Please return the pencil cases by October 25th. Thank you for your generosity.

### MISSION UPDATE AND THANK YOU!

The Twinning Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Mission Appeal held on Sunday September 27th. This year's Mission Appeal total is \$5,429.00!! Proceeds go to our sister parish in Taulabe, Honduras. Your generous donations will be used to purchase the supplies needed to build or repair chapels in mountain villages of Honduras. Thank you and God bless you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19

6:15am +John Bartol

Tuesday, October 20

6:15am +Ivan Vorderbruggen

Wednesday, October 21

6:15am +Merlin & +Alice Adelmeyer

Thursday, October 22

6:15am +Max & +Marie Ziepke

Friday, October 23

6:15am +Lee Barwick

Sunday, October 25

7:30am +Norman Kutz

9:30am +Jenny Rindt & +Mike Sheehy

12:00pm(Spanish) Pro Populo

**Mass Intention Openings:**

Sunday, November 1st at 12:00pm

Sunday, November 29th at 12:00pm

Thursday, December 31st at 6:15am

## SCRIP SALES!

Scrip is being sold after Masses each weekend.

## NOW HIRING

**SHARED FT-MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT**  
See the website for details

## 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

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

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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have recently passed away:

*Helen Yogerst*

*Cecilia Hefter*

*Herbert Brace,*

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to our family of faith...

*The Baltazar-Diaz Family*

### Wedding Banns

II Lisa Costa and Nicholas Wagner

### Blest Art

Blest Art will be visiting Saint Mary's Parish on Sunday, October 25th after the Sunday Masses.

## CHURCH CLEANING

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, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech 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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