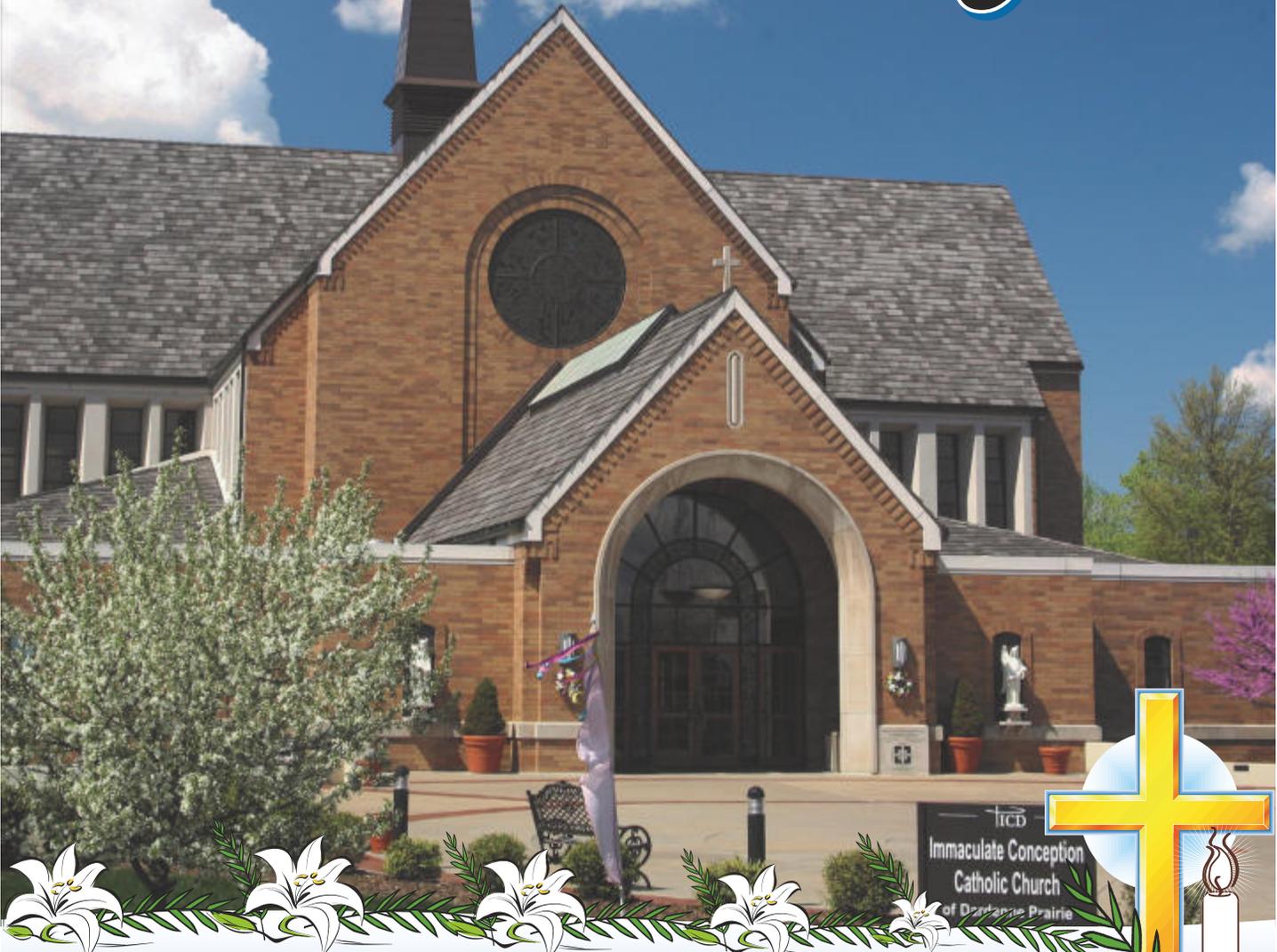


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2021 Lenten Project



Many Cultures. One Family.



“I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know Him or have forgotten Him.”
St. Frances Cabrini

Together we can... Provide a Better Future Strengthen the Body of Christ

Prayer

First, and most importantly, we ask for your prayers. Pray for the needs of the families at St. Frances Cabrini, pray for the students, pray for the teachers and staff who enrich the lives of the Cabrini community. Pray that our Lenten Project is fruitful.



Cabrini students having fun on the playground.

Almsgiving

Our goal is \$35,000. The cost of tuition is \$27.00 a day. Pray about how many days of tuition you would like to provide. Please help make our parish Lenten project a success. Make a difference: Provide a Better Future and Strengthen the Body of Christ. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to “ICD Lenten Project” and place in the offertory boxes, the container on the display table in the gathering area of the church, or drop off in the parish office center. You can also donate online: Go to icdparish.org and click on 2021 Lenten Project



Lunchtime Buddies

Fasting

Why not fast and abstain from one item during Lent and offer it up for our parish project? Maybe you can fast from eating out one meal a week and give that money to the project.



Shooting some hoops.

Did you know that some companies will match a contribution to a charitable organization? Check with your employer to see if they will match your gift.

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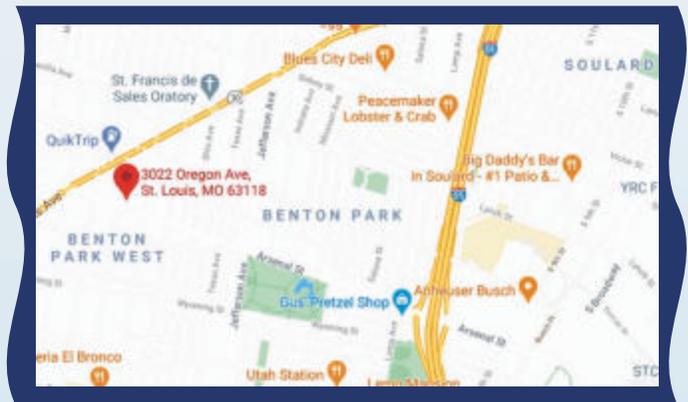
St. Frances Cabrini Academy

Some Interesting Facts

- * Located in South St. Louis City near Souldard
- * 188 students from 15 countries
- * Students from 8 parishes
- * 85% of students receive free or reduced lunches
- * 95% receive tuition assistance
- * **100% pay a part of their tuition**

Mission Statement

St. Frances Cabrini Academy (SFCA) is a Catholic elementary school that educates by nurturing the growth of each child's **mind, body, and spirit**. We celebrate our diversity while acting together to proclaim the Gospel. We commit ourselves to justice, the value of a quality education for all, and the vibrancy of St. Louis.



Address: 3022 Oregon Ave, St. Louis, MO
(Just west of Souldard)

Cabrini families are committed to having their children receive a quality Catholic education. They struggle with transportation (having no or unreliable cars), food insecurity (access to fresh food & the ability to store it), basic household needs (washing clothes in their bathtubs or at the laundromat). Despite daily language barriers, the families are rich in culture and kindness.



The flags representing the 15 countries.

Parents tend to be in low-paying occupations such as cleaning, lawn care, laborer, food packaging, and taxi drivers. During this pandemic, many have lost jobs or their hours have been cut back. Like so many families, they are having difficulty putting food on the table, much less paying for tuition

How can you help?

- \$27 will provide one day's tuition
- \$135 will provide one week's tuition
- \$540 will provide one month's tuition
- \$4,650 will provide one year's tuition

AND IT WILL DO SO MUCH MORE!!!

Your donation will Strengthen
the Body of Christ as
ICD and St. Frances Cabrini
come together to give hope for a
better future for the
Cabrini students.

DO NOT LOSE HEART

Youth Ministry and Faith During COVID

By Matthew Maxwell, Lead Youth Minister

I remember March 15th, 2020 like it was yesterday. We had just held our first meeting for LUKE18 HS volunteers and were getting underway with Magnify in the youth room. Buzz was in the air as spring was rolling in and our beloved Fr. Purcell was just about to give a talk on prayer to our 40-50 high schoolers. I had heard rumors about some virus making its rounds overseas, but it was mostly just a footnote or interesting development not affecting us. Then, it happened. One teen from St. Dominic got an email. Another from FZW. Like wildfire the news spread throughout the room: school is cancelled for at least three weeks. No matter, we thought. A difficult circumstance, but it'll be over and then we'll get back to normal. How wrong we were.

It is truly mind-boggling to think about where the last year has taken us. Youth ministry, like everything else, has had to adapt. We held events outside and in the parish hall. We now wear masks at every event. Hand sanitizer is readily available. We sadly had to cancel some major events like LUKE18, Steubenville, and what was supposed to be our first ever out-of-state mission trip to Pittsburgh.

And yet, how marvelous, wonderful, and good the good Lord still is to all of us.

Back in August I was praying with St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians and came across what has become the my calling card in 2020-2021: "Let us not grow weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not lose heart" (Gal 6:9). It's true: COVID has upended just about every aspect of life, youth ministry included. Yet, even still, the Lord admonishes us to not lose heart. This is my encouragement to you reading this: do not lose heart! It is precisely in these moments of trial that our faith is tested. It is precisely in these moments that our faith can become concrete. And it is precisely in these moments that we can not only prove to the Lord how much we truly love Him, but even more so that we can receive the love He is trying to reveal to us each and every day.

I am happy to say that youth ministry at ICD, though it has looked different, is still thriving and drawing teens closer to Christ, thanks be to God! We



Some of our amazing teens at breakfast with Msgr. Ted!

were fortunate to host a day retreat for high schoolers to get them spiritually ready for the school year with over 70 voluntarily giving up their Sunday to encounter the Lord and witness to hope. We just recently hosted a Pro-Life Night to make up for the Pro-Life Pilgrimage with about 50 8th graders and high schoolers sacrificing a Friday night to hear wonderful Pro-Life speakers and to pray for an end to abortion. We were able to host a winter retreat here at ICD, have Magnify and Upper Room back up and running for high schoolers and middle schoolers, and have started a bible study for 8th graders and their Confirmation sponsors. More than this, however, the holiness in our teens is more evident than ever.

I'd like to invite you to continue to support youth ministry at ICD in two ways. First, please pray for our teens. Genuinely, pray. Whether that is by name of teens you know or just in general for all the young people of our parish, offer specific prayers in your day that the teens of this parish may be open to receiving the love the Lord has to offer them and to live this out in their day-to-day lives.

Secondly, encourage the teens you know to get involved with our youth ministry. We have Magnify every Sunday for high schoolers from 6:15-8:30PM in

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Violence Can Never Be The Way Put Jesus First in 2021

By Archbishop Joseph Naumann, January 22, 2021,
from *The Leaven*



Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

(Note from Msgr. Ted: Archbishop Naumann and I have been close friends since we began high school together in 1963. We were in the seminary together for twelve years. We were ordained by Cardinal John Carberry the same day in 1975. Our paths have crossed a lot throughout the decades of our priesthood and we have shared many reflections on life, the church, and priestly ministry. He is currently the Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas and the Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. What follows below is a copy of his article in the 1/22/21 edition of their diocesan paper. I find his reflections on the current state of affairs in our society to be insightful and helpful. His comments are non-partisan and fully supportive of our church's priority on the sacredness of life. I encourage you to read this article. No matter what happens in coming months with COVID, our society, our economy, our politics, we can certainly continue to rely on JESUS in 2021.)

A friend of mine in St. Louis, who is pastor of a very large, vibrant parish, shared that he was weary from receiving complaints this past fall that he failed to endorse from the pulpit his parishioners' preferred candidates.

He had printed up small cards that were red, white, and blue stating: "**Jesus 2020!**"

On Jan. 6, when a violent riot desecrated our nation's Capitol, I was on retreat in Wichita with the bishops of Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Attempting to shut out the noise of the world, I was not checking news media.

I was stunned when I was informed about the tragic events that were occurring in Washington, D.C.

For a democratic republic to flourish, much less survive, **violence can never be the way we attempt to resolve issues of disagreement.** There can be no excuse for the behavior of those who stormed the Capitol, threatening the lives of members of Congress and their staffs.

A Capitol police officer died as a result of injuries inflicted by rioters. One of the rioters died from a

gunshot wound she received while attempting to enter the speaker's chambers. Three other participants in the demonstration died from medical emergencies. **What senseless tragedies!**

President Trump needs to take some responsibility for the tragic events of Jan. 6. If nothing else, he failed as a leader by not attempting to intervene quickly to stop the riot. The House of Representatives has impeached President Trump for the second time. By the time you read this article, Donald Trump will no longer be president.

Evidently, the point of pursuing a possible Senate conviction is to make certain that Trump is barred from ever again seeking elected office.

Unfortunately, there is plenty of blame to go around. Those leading the charge for a Senate trial of Trump claimed that he incited an insurrection by questioning the results of this past November's election.

Ironically, these are some of the same individuals who questioned for four years the legitimacy of the 2016 election. They also failed to condemn the violence of last summer's urban riots that destroyed businesses, neighborhoods and resulted in deaths of both citizens and police officers.

They cheered the 2017 Women's March where one of the featured speakers admitted fantasizing about bombing the White House. They also stoked the legitimate fears of many Americans by threatening to pack the U.S. Supreme Court, add new states to the country and eliminate the Electoral College.

Sadly, during his meteoric political career, Donald Trump lowered the level of public discourse. The former president did not only criticize the wisdom of the ideas and policy positions of those with whom he differed, but Trump chose to attack personally, even to the point of mocking the physical appearance of, those with whom he disagreed.

I disagreed with several of Trump's public policy positions, especially in the area of immigration. **It was**

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Take courage!

-Jesus [Matthew 14]

By Patricia Herbst
Director of Evangelization and Stewardship

When the disciples were in their boat tossing about in the stormy driven waves, fearful, Our Lord said, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)

The beauty of the universe; the goodness of its people; and the Truth, Our Lord and His Word, call to us. Thomas Merton adjured one to listen, to engage in "Prayer of the Heart", invoking "the name of Jesus in the heart". (*Entering the School of your Experience*, p. 34).

So many are facing human loss and isolation or other trials causing great pain and suffering. It is a time for uncommon courage and trust in God's Word that He is with us; a time to see His love lived out day to day in the stories of those who step forward to alleviate the suffering of those in need.

Today, the sun is shining-a blessing. From the *Book of Wisdom* 13:5, one reads: *From the greatness and the beauty of created things their original author, by analogy, is seen.*

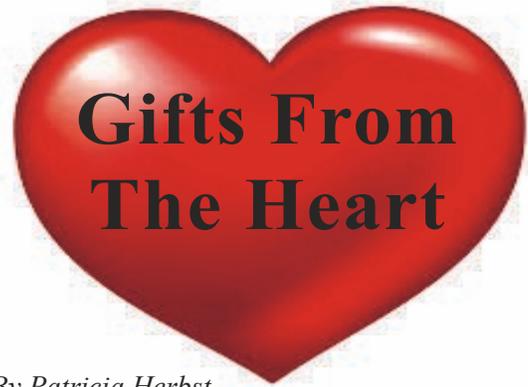
Writers through the centuries have called attention to the beauty all around us if one just stops to look for it. Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J., gave glory to God in His poem about nature.

Pied Beauty

**Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and
plough; And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.
All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.**

In this time of trial, will you seek peace, hope, and joy in the Beauty, Goodness, and Truth of which Bishop Barron speaks and engage in Prayer of the Heart, perhaps listening intently to God's Word, to His people, to nature all around one?

***For it was you who created my being,
Knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you for the wonder of my being,
For the wonder of all your creation.
(Psalm 139:13-14)***



By Patricia Herbst,
ICD Director of Evangelization and Stewardship

How beautiful are the feet of those who bring (the) good news! . . . Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:15, 17).

Will God's Word, Jesus Christ, be in the heart and on the lips of future generations in this place, Immaculate Conception Parish? Who will come to know the love of Jesus Christ in a future yet unknown because of you through the gift that you create now?

Everyone who listens to these words of mine will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock (MT 7:24-25).

Planned Gifts create a legacy and have unique tax advantages to the donor. Will you consider a Planned Gift and for what purpose? Will your Planned Gift be used to build the parish endowment?

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Dardenne Prairie) Endowment Fund

Endowment is a form of Legacy Giving. The principal is invested, and it is the earnings on the investment that are used for the purpose stated in the endowment document. The ICD endowment is restricted to parish support.

A Planned Gift (typically a gift from assets) can be directed to the parish endowment, a

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Our Mission: Developing a Community of One Spirit in Christ Jesus!



*By Dan Mullenschlader,
Principal of our Full-Time
Catholic School*

Our mission calls us to develop a community of One Spirit in Christ Jesus. During Catholic School's Week 2021, we were able to achieve this through faith, fun, and enthusiasm. The week promotes the school community and the foundations of Catholic Education, which are virtue, love, faith, and academics. We take the time to plan activities that are engaging and promote the goodness of our Catholic school. The students enjoyed a class movie and popcorn, classroom bingo, an "Out of the This World" class poster, an essential goods drive for Peter and Paul Community Center, a soup collection for St. Vincent De Paul, and a rousing virtual talent-show.

Registration for the Preschool and Full-Time Parish School is now open for 2021-2022. To complete the registration process, please contact the school office at (636)-561-4450 x100. You can call and ask for Stephanie Oetjen, our Office Manager. She can answer any questions that you have.

For families who are seeking financial aid, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has funding available through the Today and Tomorrow Foundation and the Roman Catholic Foundation. Information on these scholarships, including qualifiers and directions on applying, is available at <http://www.ttef-stl.org/>.

Immaculate Conception also allocates financial assistance for families. This school year, 2020-2021, ICD is providing \$100,000. Families seeking tuition assistance should complete a Financial Assistance Application through FACTS Tuition Management. Families can go to <https://www.icdschool.org> and click on Admissions and then Tuition Assistance for more information.

***For more information about
our Full-Time School, contact:***

***Dan Mullenschlader, Principal
636-561-4450 x100
dan.mullenschlader@icdschool.org***

I Can't Wait !!!

*By Barb Morgan,
ICD Director of
Religious Education*



These past few weeks I have heard the phrase, I can't wait until COVID is over in many conversations. I began to think of all the various events in our lives that we can't wait for. Growing up, we couldn't wait for a holiday, for example, Christmas or Easter. We then couldn't wait for high school, for graduation, for college. After college, we couldn't wait to get a job and a career, perhaps get married. Then it was the house, the children, the better car that were on the waiting list. After children, we then couldn't wait for their milestones, crawling, walking, talking, etc. We seem to spend our time waiting for the next events in our lives.

What if, we lived each day for now? If we took each day that God gives us and just live it, as God would want us to live. Leo Tolstoy said, "Remember then: there is only one time that is important-Now! It is the most important time because it is the only time when we have any power." We have the power and the ability to live each day with prayer, with kindness, with love for our neighbor. We can choose how we live today.

Perhaps we challenge ourselves to live more in the moment, live more in the present. We challenge ourselves to give glory to God for today, each and every day. Let us take today and:

**Be Mindful of the gifts God has given
Be thankful for God's Gifts
Be kind and use those gifts for
the good of others.
Be prayerful
Be loving
Live for today!**

If you have any questions,
please contact Barb Morgan
at barb.morgan@icdparish.org
or 636-561-1974.



LETTER FROM DAN MULLENSCHLADER: ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW POSITION

February 24, 2021

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon. When I started at ICD 9 years ago, I welcomed a group of wide-eyed, curious little kindergarteners. This year, those kindergarteners are 8th-grade students and will be heading off to High School. I, too, am going to be starting a new journey. God has called me to a new school community with new opportunities for evangelization and leadership. I have accepted a position as the President of Holy Cross Academy, starting in July 2021.

Through my years of service as Principal here, I have learned how God works through this community of one Spirit. As a Catholic educator of 20 years, I have spent almost half of those years at ICD. It has been an honor to be the principal here. The ICD community has left an indelible mark on my heart. Being the principal of this great school for nine years has been a tremendous blessing from God. My time has been marked with so many memories, but what I will remember the most are the students. They are the reason why I worked so hard to live and spread the mission, and I will miss them. I have spent the last four years completing my Doctorate in Education, which has opened new doors for me. God showed me which door to walk in, and I pray that I can serve him faithfully in my new role.

As I reflect on my time here at ICD, I am filled with an abundance of gratitude. I want to say thank you to you, the ICD community for being supportive of me, the mission of ICD, and the desire to educate their children in the ways of faith. I also want to thank the teachers, who are devoted to making ICD a place where God's love is experienced, and children grow in knowledge and virtue. Lastly, I would like to thank Monsignor Ted for his "spiritual fatherliness." As one of the Lord's workers in the vineyard, I pray that God continues to produce great fruit and that He blesses ICD with a new leader who will take up His mission faithfully.

*In Christ,
Dan Mullenschlader*

Message from Msgr Ted Regarding Transition of ICD Principal Dan Mullenschlader

ICD has been blessed that Dan Mullenschlader has served our parish community as Principal of our full-time Catholic School these past nine years. He sent the message below to our school families to inform them that he has accepted a position as the President of Holy Cross Academy (a Catholic elementary school in South St. Louis County) starting in July, 2021. He also met in person with the teachers.

I am grateful for Dan's dedicated and faith-filled service here over the years. At the same time I am understanding of his desire to follow God's calling to serve a "new school community with new opportunities for evangelization and leadership." I would have been quite pleased if Dan had continued to serve here at ICD at Principal well into the future. However, I am fully supportive of his desire to remain in the ministry of Catholic education in a new setting. Dan and I met

regularly (almost weekly) over the years.

As he sought my input on a variety of school issues related to students, personnel, parents, finances, facilities, or policy, he consistently approached decisions in a manner which was professional, thorough, and faith-filled. Over the years my respect and appreciation only grew personally and professionally for his service and leadership here. On behalf of all in our parish family, I wish Dan abundant blessings in his new position.

At the same time I would like to assure parents, students, teachers, and all parishioners that I will lead us to taking all the necessary steps to insure a smooth transition to new school leadership. The open position has been posted. I have established a Search Committee. We will seek input from various components of the school and parish communities to guide decisions about new school leadership.



Who Am I? What do I Believe? Why Am I Here?

I have felt for a long time that I have been very blessed and have lived ‘many lives’, during my almost 75 years. Now, that doesn’t mean that everything in my life has been all ‘rosie and nice’. It hasn’t. Not by a long shot. BUT as I look back, I can see that during those ‘ruts in the road of life times’, God didn’t leave me. Although, I may have felt that God did at times. The Spirit of God was always journeying with me even when the answer to my prayer or situation was, “No, or Wait”.

I have stated the above many times and in many ways in my articles over the years. So, Why do I say it again this time? Because I BELIEVE IT!

As stated in my last Messenger Article, I would be working on my “Spiritual Will” and I also invited you to do the same. In the process, many thoughts, questions and ideas came to mind. The following is a summary of those thoughts, ideas and questions.

I would like to begin by again, stating what a Spiritual Will is: ***“A spiritual will is not a last will and testament; It is very personal and deep and is written for a specific person or people; It is a process not a race - it’s life long; It’s about what you’ve learned in life, value, love, friendships, service, successes and failures, relationships, integrity as well as your moral tenor and faith life.”*** This is a journey that never ends until we die.

Boiling down the questions, and answers looks like this: **NOTE:** (I expanded these sections in my Journal. I left room for future additions and changes)

I. What do I want to leave behind about my life– when I die?

What’s life and God’s Life in me all about?: Seeking to know about life and God’s Life in me and others. To be aware of what I’ve learned about: myself, others, God and how things/ life works.

About ‘me’: My Genealogy Info. I come from a long line of “strong women and men”.

Most important things I’ve learned from relatives: You’re stronger than you think you are; Be the best ‘you’, you can be; Family is important; Your Catholic Faith will get you through the tough times;

Who am I?: I am all of what my family and friends have taught me. I have chosen to be a “child of God”, living and growing within the Catholic/Christian tradition.” I tried many different things during my lifetime. I want to share with you what worked, what didn’t work and why.

I believe that:

If we want or expect our loved ones/descendants and friends to follow our lead (Catholic Christian Faith, what we value and believe, etc.) we have a responsibility to tell them why.

Living life ‘*through the cross*’ on our life’s journey is not easy. We need to remember we’re not making this journey alone and we live in that hope and love of Jesus’ promise.

We need each other on our ‘*life’s journey*’.

Our Catholic Faith is our guide to make it through life: In a recent reflection on the daily gospel reading Bishop Barron expanded my understanding of how we are called to be ‘*God’s leaven*’ in our world:

Friends, in today’s Gospel (Mark: 14-21). Jesus warns his disciples against the *leaven* of the Pharisees and of Herod. Conversely, he wanted them to be the *leaven* that would transform their culture. (*Leaven causes dough to expand – increase in volume*).

The Second Vatican Council spoke of the universal call to holiness—the summons of all the baptized to be a *transforming leaven* in the wider society. The Vatican II fathers wanted to inspire a generation (**US**) of great Catholic professionals in the hopes that *such people would carry the holiness they learned in the Church, out to their areas of specialization in the secular world*.

The Church knows and creates the way of ordering things born of love—*love for God and love for neighbor*.

Generosity, peace, nonviolence, and trust will give rise to a new way of ordering things. This is true of a family, a school, a parish, a community, a nation-state.

How in the world does one get this project off the ground? Clearly, this never happens all at once, overnight. Rather, in small ways, people (**you and me**) begin living according to the Lord’s ways. And then, in God’s time, this new community begins to have a *leavening effect* on the wider society

I believe we are each called to pray and ask the Holy Spirit for guidance to become ‘God’s Leaven’ where and how God calls us to be. Lord, Help me to be ALL THAT I CAN BE!

II. Who do I want to leave it to?

My family: Husband, children/children-in-law, grandchildren, godchildren, and others (if interested)

Let us pray: Lord God. You sent your Son to show us how to be “good leaven” in our universe. Send us your Holy Spirit to guide us as we journey through Lent to grow in your Holy Leaven for the good of humanity and our universe. We ask this in and through Jesus and Mary our mother. Amen

On Life’s Journey
Judith Blanton



Magnitude of Prayer Shawl Ministry

*By Dot Christian,
Prayer Shawl Ministry Member*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is very special to me. Years ago, when Kay asked for people who could knit or crochet to join her, I immediately responded. Crocheting always offered peace and tranquility to me and the thought of adding time for quiet prayer was a bonus.

I truly did not realize the magnitude of this ministry until I became involved. It was something people had done for centuries, referring to them as "comfort shawls".

Later, a church in New England started with a prayer shawl ministry adding prayers and blessings to the shawls. This ministry began to grow to many other churches across the nation.

In 1997 two ladies started a separate ministry for Dover Air Force Base called "Prayer Shawls for Fallen Soldiers." These shawls accompany the bodies of the soldiers being returned from conflict to Dover Air Force Base.

In 2006 another group started sending shawls to families of military who had died, and to Veterans Homes. People receiving these shawls were overwhelmed with the fact that these were handmade gifts made by an American who cared. Presently over 8,000 shawls have been sent to military families.

Today 50 percent of all the shawls are made by church groups. ICD is one of these churches. We have an amazing group of ladies who create these shawls. They are truly doing something they enjoy, praying every step of the way. We pray that the recipient will feel the love, the prayers and the healing blessings that these shawls carry. They definitely wrap you in comfort and intend to transfer to you healing of body, mind and spirit. They may also provide joy... for example to a newly married couple wishing them peace, love and joy in their married life.

Our shawls are distributed to nursing homes, the Pro Life Giving Tree and by members of our ICD Parish Family for someone who is in need. At Christmas 20 shawls and 20 pocket shawls were donated to Delmar Gardens Nursing Home. Also 71

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Our Dearly Departed...

Let us thank God for the many blessings He has given us through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ

The greatest love and most powerful prayer we can give our loved ones on their behalf is the Mass. Keep praying for them after the Mass on the day of the Funeral or Memorial. Remember them often in your prayers. If they are on your mind, think of them fondly and lovingly but always conclude with a prayer. The prayer doesn't have to be long; it can be as short as a tweet. Yes, a tweet to God!

The following had a Funeral, Memorial Mass or a Prayer Service at our parish. As a parish community, let us remember them in our thoughts and prayers:

Loved One's Name	Entry to Eternal Life
Rich Newton	12/3/2020
Linda Stroud	12/4/2020
Joseph Clarkson	12/5/2020
Laura Keckler	12/5/2020
Helen Hug	12/7/2020
Cyril Post	12/8/2020
Walter Koch	12/16/2020
Joe Wetton	12/20/2020
Gerald Barfield	12/21/2020
Rachel Christopher	12/22/2020
Carol Fee	12/22/2020
Anthony Potts	12/22/2020
Mary Beth Maty	12/25/2020
Michael Clemensen	12/26/2020
Melencio Santiago	12/27/2020
Alice Meyer	1/2/2021
Catherine Vaccaro	1/11/2021
James Finn	1/12/2021
Ann Back	1/13/2021
Don Hessling	1/14/2021
Carol Rector	1/15/2021
Dolores Baird	1/17/2021
Bernice Wojcicki	1/17/2021
Michael Pollard	1/17/2021
Patrick Brady	1/22/2021
Michael Rector	1/23/2021
Jean Casteel	1/28/2021
Alan Rogg	1/28/2021
Eddie Murray	1/30/2021
Charlie Pohl	2/4/2021
Christopher Wilson	2/5/2021
Thomas West III	2/9/2021
Mary Ann Helleny	2/16/2021



Wedding Anniversaries

25th Anniversary

April 2021

Chuck & Julie Armstrong
 Brian & Tonya Cammarata
 Tim & Colleen Christopher
 Ron & Sony Cretin
 Jerry & Sandy Deters
 Kevin & Donna Herr
 Don & Jennifer Koviak
 John & Lynn Schulte
 Doug Seymore
 Ron & Donna Stumpf
 Bryan & Lisa Willie
 Scott & Tina Zelinsky

May 2021

Troy & Allison Cecil
 Tim & Teri Griese
 Doug & Heidi Havrilla
 David & Stephanie Johnson
 Luke & Renee Kehoe
 Michael & Terri Melton
 Frank & Beth Miller
 David & Monica Oldani
 Javier & Adriana Pasillas
 Dan & Gloria Shane
 Sean & Kerry Walsh

June 2021

Matt & Stacey Beauchamp
 Shannon & Melinda Campbell
 Neal & Pat Cronin
 Christopher & Jennifer Macdonald
 Brian & Angela O'Keefe
 Pat & Laura Perry
 Ken & Laura Rhodes
 Herman & Mariette Torluemke

40th Anniversary

April 2021

Dave & Dee Rutkowski
 Kevin & Robin Velleca
 Ken & Susan Winschel

40th Anniversary (continued)

May 2021

Mike & Nancy Avery
 Bruce & Renee Bergtholdt
 Jim & Barb Cosgrove
 Monty & Kathy Criswell
 Mark & Sharon Hill
 Mike & Karen Loomis
 Steve & Suzanne Martin
 Mitch & Shelley Nibberich
 Marvin & Cathy Smith
 Barchey & Michelle Springer

June 2021

Paul & Mary Bast
 Joe & Jayne Duvaleus
 Greg & Karen Haub
 Lonnie & Kelly Koerber
 Bret & Robyn Middeke
 Steve & Joni Vago

45th Anniversary

April 2021

John & Judy Crocken
 Randy & Mary Vest

May 2021

Harry & Margie Benhardt
 Barry & Eileen Blattner
 Tom & Chris Eggleston
 Michael & Patricia Lutz
 Dave & Jeanine Shoults
 Steve & Susan Vola

June 2021

Gerald & Denise Blair
 Phil & Cindy Burkemper
 Janusz & Ewa Furman
 Dennis & Carole Hoffmann
 Scott & Michelle Kriete
 Wayne & Eunice Schnarre
 Michael & Darlene Weidenbenner

50th Anniversary

April 2021

Lawrence & Susan Aberle
 Charles & Kathryn Raftery

May 2021

Michael & Linda Colegrove
 Tom & Jan Gartner

June 2021

Charles & Doris Haas
 John & Debbie Knott

55th Anniversary

May 2021

Joseph & Rose Ebert
 Jack & Mary Sue Goggins
 Jerry & Kathy Meyer

June 2021

George & Mary Christensen
 Gary & Mary Fryman
 Charles & Carolyn Hinson

60th Anniversary

April 2021

Jim & Betty Hanley
 Don & Sue Mueller
 Jack & Pat Nagel

June 2021

Russ & Kathy Busken
 Tom & Mary Hennessy
 Joe & Ruth Sansone
 John & Carol Spellman

65th Anniversary

June 2021

Phil & Betty Duff
 Robert & Gerry Osborn

70th Anniversary

April 2021

Albert & Doris Rose

June 2021

Joe & Edith Ernst



Men's Retreat, April 22-25, 2021

(Subject to change due to Covid-19)

LaSalle Retreat Center

2101 Rue De LaSalle, Glencoe, MO 63038

We invite you to an upcoming retreat!

Immaculate Conception Church invites you to attend an extraordinary retreat. The weekend offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and relationship with God and to build lasting friendships among members of your parish community. The retreat is presented by fellow ICD parishioners.

The retreat begins Thursday evening with check-in at 6:15pm at Immaculate Conception Church and ends on Sunday with a reception in the Parish center following the noon mass. Your family and friends are invited to the return mass and reception. Transportation to and from the LaSalle Retreat Center will be provided for all retreatants. Cost for each retreatant is \$250.00 with a \$50.00 deposit that should be submitted with the registration form in order to reserve your place on the retreat. The balance is due at the Thursday check-in.

PLEASE NOTE: Financial difficulties shouldn't prevent anyone from attending the retreat.

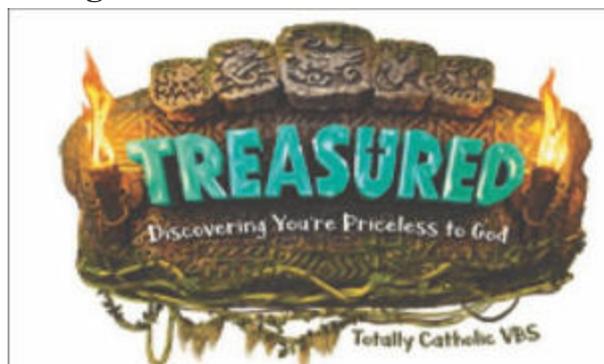
Registration forms should be turned in at the Parish Office Center or dropped in the offertory collection box in church. *Registration forms for Men's retreat are available in Parish Office Center.*

For further information, please contact Jim Anthony at 314-397-2951 or janthony0275@gmail.com

Bible Camp is Coming!!

Mark your Calendars!

Ages: 4 Years Old thru 5th Grade.



Discovering you're priceless to God!!

The best week of the summer!!!

June 21-25, 2021!!

Registration begins April 15th, 2021

Space is limited, so register early!

Forms will be online, in the gathering area of church, in the Parish office center and in the PSR office

Magnitude of Prayer Shawl Ministry

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baby afghans were donated to ICD's Pro Life Giving Tree to be distributed among five agencies that Pro Life supports.

Beautiful heartwarming notes have been received from the recipients. My shawl went with me to the hospital for every surgery and my pocket prayer shawl was in my hand through every treatment of chemo and radiation. I knew God was hearing all the prayers. It is hard to explain the comfort I received.

There is "POWER IN PRAYER" but I found there is also evangelization through the shawls. My brother-in-law, a fallen away Catholic who lived in Boston, saw a stack of prayer shawls at my house. He inquired about them and then began asking for some that he could distribute. He was a bit overwhelmed by the responses he received. He then began requesting more shawls to complete his mission of offering hope, love and prayerful blessing to everyone he knew in need in the Boston area. He died in 2012 and I truly felt God wrapped his loving arms around him and forgave all his sins and loved him for the evangelization he was doing through our shawls.

God truly does work in strange ways! I wish you all peace, love and prayer.

To receive a shawl, or join us in creating shawls, contact Louann Maldeney, by phone at 314-650-0938, or by email at stlmaldeney@yahoo.com

DO NOT LOSE HEART

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the parish hall and Upper Room every Wednesday for 7th and 8th graders from 7-8:30PM in the youth room. What do you get when you walk through those doors? Well, for starters, free food, which is always great, but more so you get a loving and open community of people who will welcome you in and make you feel known, a place to find your true and authentic self before God, and a place to encounter Jesus and know His peace amidst all the tribulations and uncertainty of the world. Here's what one of our recent graduates Jordyn Piercy said about her experience: "ICDYOUTH led me to where the world couldn't: to Jesus Christ, my only fulfillment. It led me to find authentic purpose, holy friendships, and overall led me to who I am today".

Do not lose heart. The Lord is continuing to do amazing things. Be open to what He is trying to tell you in your own life, but just as well be witnesses to the hope that we may always possess in our risen Savior. The Lord God is so good and He is here with us. Please continue to pray for our youth ministry, celebrate the amazing things God has accomplished through it, and join us in continuing to be witnesses of the hope of Christ to a world that so desperately needs it now more than ever. Do not lose heart; God always wins! AMDG!

For more information about youth ministry at ICD contact Matthew Maxwell:

EMAIL: matthew.maxwell@icdparish.org
PHONE: 636-561-6611 (x522)

Pray For Our RCIA Candidates

Every year since the R.C.I.A. process has been reestablished in the Church, we have been blessed with new Catechumens and Candidates who seek full admission in the Catholic Church through membership in our Parish Family. We hope that their admittance into the Catholic faith will give each of us a greater appreciation and love for Our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, the Author and Donor of our precious gift of faith. During Easter time, these catechumens and candidates become full members of the Catholic Church as they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Please pray for each of them.

Put Jesus First in 2021

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disappointing that our nation has still failed to grant some form of legal status to individuals who were brought to the United States as children.

While there are legitimate concerns about illegal immigration and the failure to control our nation's borders, harming both undocumented immigrants as well as U.S. citizens, successful reform needs to include generous opportunities for legal immigration and workers' visas.

Trump's position of wanting to limit immigration only to highly educated and skilled individuals is not consistent with our history.

Yet, Trump also did many good things. Part of this billionaire's popularity with **many working class Americans was they felt Trump was genuinely concerned about issues that mattered to them.**

Most of our ancestors who immigrated to the United States decades ago would have been denied admission under such standards. Even more troubling were the severe limitations by the Trump administration on refugee status for those fleeing violence and persecution in their homelands.

From job creation to record low unemployment for minority groups, to opportunity zones in financially stressed neighborhoods, to criminal justice reform, to his efforts to bring back manufacturing plants to the U.S., to opening up new avenues for peace in the Middle East, to the development of a Covid vaccine more rapidly than anyone thought possible, **despite all of his frailties and egocentric persona there were some very positive developments during the past four years.**

Today marks the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. More than 60 million American children have been killed by abortion over the past 48 years. The fathers and mothers of these aborted children are not unscathed by the deaths of their daughters and sons.

Just a year ago, Pope Francis in a meeting with the bishops of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska reminded us that abortion is not primarily a religious issue, but a human rights issue.

The Holy Father said that in his dialogue with those who support abortion, he always asked two questions: 1) Is it ever right to kill a child to solve a problem? 2) Is it ever right to hire someone to kill a child to solve a problem?

One of the positive achievements of the Trump presidency was the appointment of many well-qualified federal judges and three Supreme Court justices who recognize and respect the limits of the courts' authority. Their responsibility is to judge cases based on their compliance with the U.S. Constitution, not to invent rights and/or impose their personal philosophical beliefs on the nation.

President Trump also accomplished much through his cabinet appointments, executive orders and the interpretation and implementation of regulations that resulted in protecting unborn children, religious freedom and conscience rights.

During the campaign, President Biden promised not only to keep abortion legal but even to force taxpayers to fund abortion. He promised to renew government efforts to force the Little Sisters of the Poor to provide abortifacients in their lay employee health plans.

I hope that these are promises our new president will fail to keep. **We must pray for President Biden to have a conversion of mind and heart on this most fundamental of all human rights issues.**

It is a scandal to have a president who proudly professes to be a devout Catholic and at the same time has, in essence, pledged to be the most pro-abortion president in our history.

We need to pray for our new president, Joseph Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris, that the Lord will bless them in fulfilling their responsibilities to lead our country.

We need to pray for the good of our nation that the Lord will bring forth blessings from a Biden presidency.

Based on his proposed cabinet appointments and the promises he made during the campaign, I anticipate the next four years will be very difficult and I will have to disagree vigorously with several of President Biden's policy initiatives.

In a democratic republic, we need to be able to debate vigorously and honestly important public policy issues.

However, while we defend passionately the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person, **let us not villainize those with whom we differ.**

Just as it makes no sense to destroy lives in our effort to defend the sanctity of human life, so also it is inconsistent to uphold the dignity of the human person by denigrating those with whom we disagree.

If we place Jesus first in 2021, then we can count on his help in speaking the truth with love as we strive to build a culture of life and a civilization of love.

**All things are possible with God.
Jesus 2021!**

Milestone Birthdays!

80th Birthdays

April 2021

George Marik
Janice Rosemann

May 2021

Marianne Davis
Jeanne Fox
John Heveroh
Kathy Hutson
Paul Rosemann
Robert Shields
Sharon Sims
Mary Thornton

June 2021

Carmen Braeuninger
Marie Johnson
Kenneth Mebruer

85th Birthday

April 2021

Robert Ryan
Joyce Zeisler

May 2021

Beatrice Duff
Sandra Fehl

June 2021

Carol Farrell
Lenora Hoch
Thomas Young

90th Plus

April 2021

Helen Boone 95
Rosemarie Conroy 94
Joseph A. De Ciechi 91
Rose Marie Harris 93
Mary Link 97
Florence Rottjakob 91
Nadine Weissler 90
Charmaine Wonish 91

May 2021

Earl Brinkman 93
Romona Farasy 91
Mary Therese Keeven 93

June 2021

Rowling Borgschulte 90
Julia Echelmeyer 92
Verna Fay Masters 95
Thomas Morrow 90
Beatrice Pastor 94
Joyce Puricelli 92
Mary Jane Stacy 91
Carol Weiss 92



Gifts From The Heart

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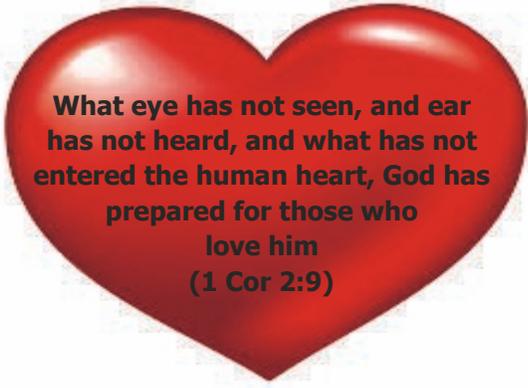
few examples of which are gifts by bequest (Will or Trust); beneficiary designation (IRA, Life Insurance, Insurance Annuities); Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Trust. *A gift of Real Estate is yet another example of a Planned Gift.* Some Planned Gifts pay the donor income during their lifetime (and the lifetime of a spouse).

One does not have to be wealthy to leave a legacy. *Gifts in any amount can be added to the ICD parish endowment at any time (as gifts of cash or stock).*

One can also create a "named endowment", that is, an endowment in one's own name or that of loved ones. (In this case, there is a required minimum contribution.)

The parish website, icdparish.org, has a *Ways to Give* and *Endowment* link under "Parish" that provide information on *Ways to Give Now; Give Later; Give and Receive* - and the ICD Parish Endowment.

To schedule a visit with Monsignor Ted to discuss a gift to fund the parish endowment - or other purpose, call the parish office at (636) 561-6611 or email msgrtedwojicki@icdparish.org.



**What eye has not seen, and ear
has not heard, and what has not
entered the human heart, God has
prepared for those who
love him
(1 Cor 2:9)**

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Return Service Requested

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Please Note Changes To Most Mass Times

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 27

5 p.m. in the Church

Sunday, March 28

6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. in the Church

10:30 a.m. in the Church and Chapel

12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m. in the Church



Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 4

6:30 a.m. in the Church & Chapel

8:30 a.m. in the Church, Chapel & Soccer Field

10:30 a.m. in the Church, Chapel & Soccer Field

12:30 p.m. in the Church

No Sunday Evening Mass

The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1

Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 p.m. in the Church

After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will
be processed to the Chapel for prayer
and adoration until midnight.

Night Prayer
11:45 p.m. in the Chapel

Good Friday
Friday, April 2

Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross
Noon in Church

**Good Friday
of the Lord's Passion**
**3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
in the Church**

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 3

Morning Prayer
8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

Blessing of Easter Food
3:00 p.m. in the Church

**Easter Vigil of the
Lord's Resurrection**
8:00 p.m. in the Church

This celebration includes the lighting of
the Easter fire and the Sacraments of

** check www.icdparish.org for possible updates and changes*