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January 24, 2021



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23

8:00am: Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish
5:00pm: Elzbieta Roza Rudzka
Jesse & Kathie Roa

Sunday, January 24

10:30am: Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish
Richard Lattanzi

Monday, January 25

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Tuesday, January 26

8:00am: Mary Rinaldi
Sor Maria Rosa Leggol

**Wednesday, January 27**

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Thursday, January 28

8:00am: Luigi Sorrentino

Friday, January 29

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Saturday, January 30

8:00am: Living and Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish
5:00pm: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish

Sunday, January 31

10:30am: Gretchen Callahan
Jack O'Leary

PRAYER SHAWLS

A Prayer Shawl is a shawl that has been crocheted or knitted in different patterns. It is around 24" by 62" with some being narrower or longer. They can be requested for, or by, anyone experiencing a medical or physical need. They can be blessed and come with a prayer to help comfort and ease any suffering. There is no cost, however, donations can be made to purchase more yarn to continue this ministry.

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Pope Francis leads the recitation of the Angelus prayer Dec. 27 from the library of the Apostolic Palace. Marking the feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis announced the Catholic Church will observe a special year dedicated to the family from March 19, 2021, to June 26, 2022. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)



As the fifth anniversary of his apostolic exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” approaches, Pope Francis announced that the Catholic Church will dedicate more than a year to focusing on the family and conjugal love.

During his Sunday Angelus address Dec. 27, the pope commemorated the feast of the Holy Family and said that it served as a reminder “of the example of evangelizing with the family” as highlighted in his exhortation. Beginning March 19, he said, the year of reflection on “Amoris Laetitia” will be an opportunity “to focus more closely on the contents of the document.”

“I invite everyone to take part in the initiatives that will be promoted during the year and that will be coordinated by the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life,” he added. “Let us entrust this journey, with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St. Joseph, the devoted spouse and father.”

According to the dicastery’s website, the “Amoris Laetitia Family” year “aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations.”

The dicastery said that the goals of the celebration include sharing the contents of the apostolic exhortation more widely, proclaiming the gift of the sacrament of marriage and enabling families to “become active agents of the family apostolate.”

The “Amoris Laetitia Family” year will include forums, symposiums, video projects and catechesis as well as providing resources for family spirituality, pastoral formation and marriage preparation.

The commemoration will conclude June 26, 2022, “on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families in Rome,” the dicastery said.

Pope Francis already had declared a year of St. Joseph, which began Dec. 8 and ends Dec. 8, 2021.

In his Angelus talk, the pope said that the Holy Family is a model in which “all families of the world can find their sure point of reference and sure inspiration.”

Through them, he said, “we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit; it must be founded on the love that always regenerates relationships, opening up horizons of hope.”

Families can experience sincere communion when they live in prayer, when forgiveness prevails over discord and “when the daily harshness of life is softened by mutual tenderness and serene adherence to God’s will,” he added.

“I would like to say something to you: If you quarrel within the family, do not end the day without making peace,” the pope said. “And do you know why? Because cold war, day after day, is extremely dangerous. It does not help.”

Pope Francis also reflected on the theme of forgiveness during his Angelus address on the feast of St. Stephen Dec. 26.

Recalling St. Stephen’s martyrdom, the pope said that although it may seem that his death was in vain, among those who witnessed and consented to his stoning was St. Paul, who eventually became “the greatest missionary in history.”

St. Stephen’s example “was the seed” of St. Paul’s conversion, he said. “This is the proof that loving actions change history: even the ones that are small, hidden, every day.”

Christians, he added, can become witnesses of Christ through their everyday actions, “even just by fleeing the shadow of gossip” or refusing to speak ill of others.

“When an argument starts at home, instead of trying to win it, let’s try to diffuse it,” and forgive one another, Pope Francis said. Small efforts and gestures, he said, “change history because they open the door, they open the window to Jesus’s light.”

Food for Thought...

We cannot be fishers of men and women if in our hearts we are haters of them. This truth ... reveals a nonviolent ethic: Love even your enemies; become fishers of them. We will not win people to our convictions if we despise them.

-Susan B. W. Johnson



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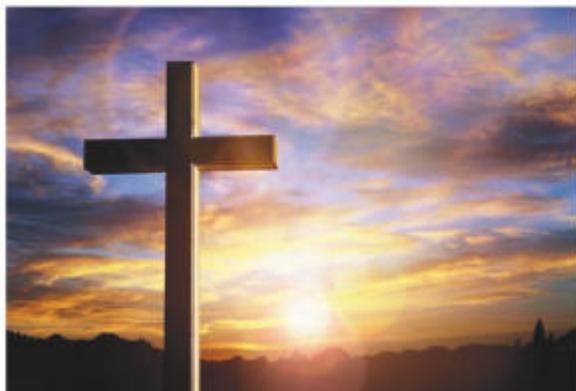
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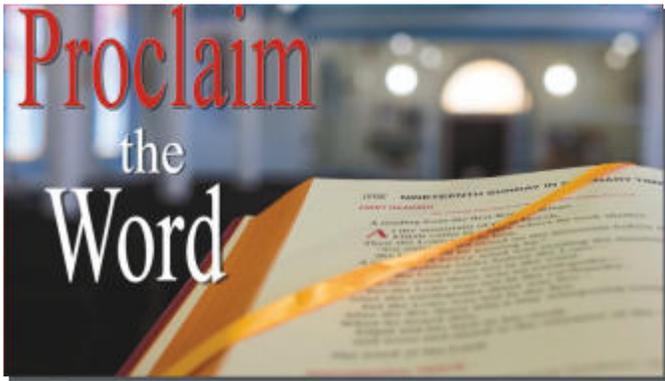


If interested, parents must email the Director at PREPOffice@icparish.org to be able to get the Zoom invite for this class. Please come for this special time of faith and friendship.

This announcement was created by PREP 8th grader, Jackson Droll as part of his Confirmation service hours.

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- Isaiah 50:4



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**Father McMahon's sermon at Mass December 27, The
Feast of the Holy Family, on the importance of family
life and parents' role in teaching our children their
own identity, as well as their identity in God's
family. Father also provided some ideas on we can do
to accomplish this. FYI, the reading was [Luke 2:22-40](#).**

"Holiness means that we are in God's house. . . With
technology, we have people at home who can be with us
in God's house. We are God's family. . . We are most at
home and most fully ourselves in God's house".

**Here is a link that will send you directly to the
sermon:** <https://vimeo.com/493084175#t=16m21s>

- "There are lots of holy families... it is not a matter of being obsessively religious... it is a matter of valuing people, memories, tradition, those things that make us who we are".
 - "We get our identity from family... We have a nuclear family... (there) we learn our own identity in God's family... *"Our being members of God's holy family... should be celebrated in our nuclear family... It's a value you learn there or you don't. It's the parents' job to teach this"*.
- Father gave some practical examples of what parents can do on a day-to-day basis to "teach" our children their identities.
- "We build our identities from the sharing of tradition, goodness, examples of the values we pass on from generation to generation to generation".
 - "The Holy Family models for us the importance of the nuclear family... wisdom and age and grace and favor are what the Child was (born in and) brought-up in...".
 - *"Our nuclear families are the school of holiness. . . there is no vacation from that school... there we learn who we are and where we came from"*
 - *"...familiarity of family life can blind us to goodness ... people can get on each other's nerves... (we need to) open our eyes, to be astonished at to the goodness of each other... open our eyes to other people's concerns. How can I help? How can I be constructive"?*
 - Families grow in strength... when each person in the family from parents to the smallest child is treated as a member of God's holy family... and extends the hospitality of the family... (everyone) is treated as a member of God's family and therefore holy".
 - "The Holy Family had their struggles... They struggled to accept who He (Jesus) was...becoming. *Just like now. . . being parents of precocious children, teenagers and young adults... takes a lot of patience and understanding and wisdom and grace...We are in good company"*.

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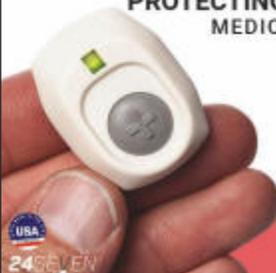
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PREP

Dear PREP Parent,

Catholic Schools Week begins the end of January. As a way to celebrate what we do in Catholic education on the weekend, I'd like to have a virtual open house to showcase the wonderful lessons taking place within our religious education program. In doing such, you and your child have an opportunity to discuss the option of inviting a friend to class on Sunday 1/31/21.

Please know your child's guest does not have to be Catholic to attend. We are excited to welcome perspective and former students as well as students from other denominations to experience what their friend learns in class each Sunday. Students can even invite an age-appropriate cousin/ relative who doesn't live in the area. The students will introduce their guest and share something special about them and the guest will have the opportunity to do the same.

I told the students they are not required to invite a friend and to not feel bad if they invite someone who has to decline the offer due to other plans. The fact they were thought of will make their friend feel special!

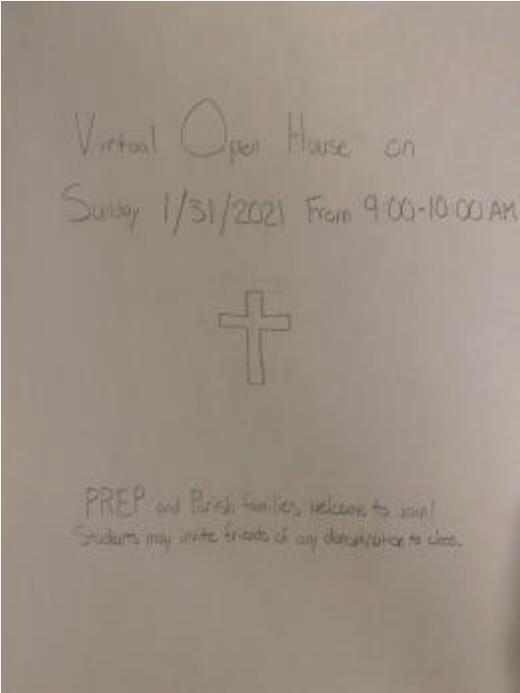
I need you to please let me know by the end of the day Wednesday 1/27 if your child will be inviting someone to class. I need time to get the various emails and information to the catechists so they have time to include guests in their email invite. The invite will come from your child's catechist.

On Sunday, I talked about this event among most of the classes so please discuss this with your child. Any questions, please let me know.

As a formality, I need for the information below (or attached) to be completed by the parent of your child's guest and returned to me via email by 1/27/21.

I am looking forward to visiting the classes during this special time of sharing, caring, and friendship.

God Bless,
Barb



A special thank you to Raenier Ampon, 8th grade PREP student, for drafting this announcement as part of his Confirmation Service Hours.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ZOOM OPEN HOUSE PERMISSION SLIP
January 31st 2021
Immaculate Conception Parish

_____ has my permission to attend a virtual Zoom Open House as the guest of _____, parent of _____ in Grade _____.

I understand my email address will be shared with the Catechist in order to receive the Zoom link for class on 1/31/2021.

Signature or email confirmation to DRE is acceptable