

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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December 26th, 2021



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00pm
Sunday.....8:30 & 10:30am

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday.....5:30pm
Wednesday.....7:00am
Thursday
when school is NOT IN session..... 8:45am
when school is IN session.....9:00am
Friday.....7:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays.....4:00pm - 5:15pm
Thursdays.....6:00pm - 7:30pm

PARISH OFFICE

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Closed Friday's

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Bulletin deadline: Sunday, 1 Week Prior

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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

- Joining the Parish • Weddings
- Baptisms • Anointing of the sick
- You are home-bound & would like a visit

Immaculate Conception Parish strives to be a faith-filled, Christ-centered community, sharing the gifts of time, talent and treasure. We gather for worship and fellowship, provide opportunities for growth through education and formation, serve the parish community and others in need and welcome all people, thereby witnessing to Christ's love and presence.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 27th

Saint John, Apostle

TUESDAY, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

5:30pm †Joseph Schwebach

WEDNESDAY, December 29th

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00am †Delores Schulenberg

THURSDAY, December 30th

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:45am †Pete & Delores Meinholz

FRIDAY, December 31st ~ New Year's Eve

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

5:30pm †Michael Ahneman

SATURDAY, January 1st ~ New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00am †Josephine Marten

Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm †Joseph Schwebach

SUNDAY, January 2nd

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am †Kevin Pearson

10:30am Parish Community

PARISH NEWS

Watch our Parish Website for Up-to-date Information:

Website: <https://www.ic-ec.us/>


Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/icatholicchurch/>

Diocesan Masses:

Live Stream Schedule at dioc.org/live

Sunday Mass with Bishop Callahan – 9:30 am, on Channel 18

Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral – 8:00am



BE ONE WITH JESUS IN
Eucharist Adoration

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
IS HELD EACH WEDNESDAY FROM 9:00AM
UNTIL BENEDICTION AT 1:00PM.

Rosary

Rosary will be said on Fridays at 11:00am. Please join us to pray for all the turmoil in our world and to thank God for all our blessings.

*If there is a funeral, rosary will be cancelled.



PARISH NEWS continued

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:



Lenore Quigg

who passed away on
December 2nd, 2021

"If I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I settle on the far side of the sea, Even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

Psalm 139:9-10

2021 End-of-Year Statements

All donations that need to be recorded for the 2021 tax year must be submitted on or before **December 31st at 12:00pm**

All donations to the office by this time will be posted to the 2021 year-end tax statement.

Any payments made after the deadline will post to the 2022 year-end tax statement.

Immaculate Conception Fundraiser



The Parish has enrolled in a fundraising program with Kwik Trip, Inc. offering their ULTIMATE Car Wash cards at a discount. These would make great Christmas presents!

All profits realized by the Parish will go toward the maintenance projects for the Church and School. These 5-Wash cards are available for \$36.00 in the Parish Office. Please make checks out to Immaculate Conception.

Like to have a good catholic resource at your fingertip?

Then Hallow App is for you. It is an excellent resource for anyone who is interested in fostering one's relationship with God and others. Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend has this to say: "Hallow is an excellent resource for people searching for deeper spiritual lives, especially the younger generation of Catholics today. It helps make clear that a relationship with God is and can be extremely personal and can be a great source of peace, joy and strength."



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PARISH NEWS continued

**The Parish Office
will be CLOSED
December 31st**

Food Pantry Collections

Immaculate Conception will be collecting food and essential products **NEXT WEEKEND** for St. Francis Food Pantry! Our donations will help our community who, as many are at this time, struggling and could use our assistance.

Items of great need:

- **Boxed Cereal & Mac & Cheese**
- **Soups & Canned Vegetables**
- **Toothpaste & Toothbrushes**
- **Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Napkins, Paper Towels**



Please donate nonperishable unexpired food items & unopened essential products. **Home canned food cannot be accepted.** Please bring your donations in a bag and place in the basket at the front of the altar before Mass. We will only be collecting items on the **FIRST FULL WEEKEND** of the month. We will also accept cash donations. Please place into an envelope labeled "St. Francis Food Pantry" and drop into the collection basket.

Thank you for your kindness and Church community support!

Thank You for Supporting your Church

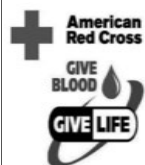
Thank you for continuing to make contributions to the Church. We cannot survive without your generous support! Drop any donation in the mail slot, left of the Parish Office door.

- * Mail in your weekly/monthly offering to:
1712 Highland Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701
- * Send payments through your online banking.
- * You can sign up for ACH Donations. Please use the link on the website for the ACH Form. Return the form to the Parish Office with a voided check. Please be clear about which week(s) you would like to donate in the month, and when to start.
- * Go to <https://diolc.org/immaculate-conception-eau-claire/> for online giving. Use your credit or debit card to make a one-time or recurring donation to Immaculate Conception.

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE
FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:**



Our Next Blood Drive is Scheduled!



We are hosting another blood drive on **Monday, January 31st from 11:30 - 5:30pm.** Go to redcrossblood.org site to sign up! If you have any questions, please call Karen Dolan at 715-579-5601. Information is also available at ic-ec.us under Parish Nurse.

Ongoing... Eye Glass Mission

We will be collecting used eye glasses throughout the year for a mission trip to Peru in January of 2023. **Your used glasses can be dropped anytime during the year and can be left in the container found in the back of church.** If you have any questions, please call Karen Dolan at 715-579-5601.

PARISH FINANCIALS

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
THROUGH NOVEMBER 2021**

| INCOME | ACTUAL | BUDGET |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General Income | \$ 368,241.00 | \$ 392,542.00 |
| Restricted Income | \$ 26,994.00 | \$ 24,255.00 |
| Other Income | \$ 695.00 | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Income Totals | \$ 395,930.00 | \$ 417,797.00 |
| EXPENSE | | |
| Salaries & Wages | \$ 103,185.00 | \$ 119,461.00 |
| Taxes, Benefits and Insurance | \$ 23,787.00 | \$ 28,847.00 |
| Liturgy & Evangelization Expense | \$ 18,615.00 | \$ 12,083.00 |
| Administrative Expense | \$ 4,989.00 | \$ 13,229.00 |
| Operations & Maintenance | \$ 50,852.00 | \$ 75,758.00 |
| Society & Program Expense | \$ 10,936.00 | \$ 14,896.00 |
| Other Expense | \$ 204,702.00 | \$ 169,167.00 |
| Expense Totals | \$ 417,066.00 | \$ 433,441.00 |
| INCOME (LOSS) | \$ (21,136.00) | \$ (15,644.00) |

FORMED ~ What's on...



Mary of Nazareth is an epic motion picture on the life of Mary, Mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. Shot in high definition, it was filmed in Europe with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling, and inspiring portrayal of Mary.

The film vividly captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived with as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassionate humanity and concern for others, and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another. The movie underscores her special role in God's plan for our redemption, her unique relationship with Christ and the tremendous suffering that she endured in union with his Passion and Death, as well as her serene joy at his Resurrection.

This movie is not rated, but was created with an adult audience in mind. It may contain violence indicative of the life and times of the saint or character portrayed. We would recommend Parental Guidance and that parents preview it before watching with children.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Important Dates:

First Year (9th Graders)

* **January 23rd:** Mass, Dinner and Session #5

Second Year (10th Graders)

* **January 5th:** Session #7

FAMILY & FAITH FORMATION

Christmas Prayer (Remember the Christmas Octave lasts until January 1st and the Christmas Season doesn't end until the Baptism of Jesus)

"Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of your birth. Please help us to fall more deeply in love with you and your peace. May we serve you all the days of our life. Jesus, help us become a family filled with hope, love, joy and peace. Amen"

* **NO CLASSES on December 29th.** Enjoy the Christmas season with your families!

SCHOOL NEWS

- * School resumes on Monday, January 3rd.
- * Thank you for your generous donations for the Jeans for Jesus for the Toys for Tots. Through your generosity a total of \$1,112.64 was raised for this wonderful organization!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Information on Community Events can also be found in the blue "Community Events" book found on the bench in Fr. Klink Hall located in the information area!

DIocese OF LA CROSSE GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Karen Becker, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Becker at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safe-environment/reporting. **Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities.** Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679; or tbrown@diolc.org.



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Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD
Week of December 12th



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| Envelopes: | \$13,578.90 |
| Plate: | \$1,380.01 |
| ACH: | \$1,657.00 |
| Online: | \$650.00 |

Thank You!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
GOAL: \$107,390.00 *** PLEDGES TO DATE: \$45,930.00

PASTOR'S PEN

Each year, the Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, consisting of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The message is clear: Family has a special place in the life of the church. Family is considered the “miniature Church.” The Holy Family isn’t an image of only three persons, “it’s a miniature of the whole Church on mission to the world.” Consistently, Church brings all to a richer realization of the significance of Family in the life of every person. Family is the basic unit of human society. Civilizations flourish when families are strong. Family life may vary from Cultures to traditions, yet the Church defends and promotes marriage and family life. It has fought for the rights of family and its place in civil society. In its 2000 years of history, the Church has consistently taught and fostered the primacy of marriage and family life. Through this feast, the Church invites us to draw inspiration from the Holy family of Nazareth to live family life better in today’s world.

Children are gifts to a family. Yet for a wide variety of reasons, many couples are unable to conceive. Many such couples adopt children and give an environment of a home to them. I have seen the joy of couples with no success for many years to conceive a child, who finally conceives a child. Imagine the prayers they might have said for that child, and they too can easily borrow the lines from the First Samuel: “I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request” (1 Sam 1:27). For some couples, such blessings came especially after having adopted another child. What a blessing it is to see such beautiful moments in the life of a family!

On the other hand, we see the stark reality of abortion which takes away the breath of life from thousands of children, across the world. I sympathize with couples who are forced by circumstances to make such terrible choices regarding the life of the unborn! Human families fall prey to poverty or extreme selfishness. We do know families that struggle with the pain and guilt of such choices. Much healing is needed in our families today. It is abundantly known that the absence of one of the parents— father or mother— often leaves lifelong psychological scars on children. There’s some form of brokenness in everyone’s life and healing is needed for everyone. Let us keep praying for healing and comfort at this season of Christmas when families gather to celebrate together.

The Feast of the Holy Family inspires our families to become holy. Holiness is not about perfection. It takes a great deal of trust and prayer to be a holy family. That’s where we can draw inspiration from the Holy Family of Nazareth. Their humility, total submission to God’s plan, and the abiding trust in God’s care invite us to look at life in our own families. Holiness begins in knowing that God has set us apart for a purpose, in the midst of a community. In the chaos and imperfection of family life, we have an opportunity to learn about our gifts and talents, our temperaments and what our callings may be and how to respond to needs in our world. Each day, families need to consciously welcome God into their families. Parents have a great role to play in this and every mother and father can draw inspiration from the examples of Mary and Joseph. In many ways, this feast is a celebration of all families. Happy feast to all families of the Parish!

Fr. Francis

HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2022

The New Year beckons us

to new possibilities,
new directions,
new paths,
new journeys...

“The LORD bless you and keep you
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

(Num 6:23-27).

*May you all experience a YEAR filled
with God’s presence in your life, I pray.*

***Have a Happy and
Grace filled New Year!***

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