# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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**PASTOR** Fr. Francis Thadathil, MSFS......715-514-1022 fthadam@gmail.com Dn. Gregory James Power..... 715-828-2746 gpower@diolclergy.org 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 Deb Welch, Secretary.....715-835-9935 immaculateconceptionec@gmail.com Office Hours: M-T-W 9:00am - 4:00pm TH 9:00am until noon Closed Friday's Julie Herman, Bulletins Bulletin deadline: Sunday, 1 Week Prior Kayla Bahnub, Principal......715-830-2276 Bill Spangler, IC Regis Rep.....715-379-8188 **FAITH FORMATION** Joan Cinotto......715-835-7721 jcinotto.icprep@gmail.com **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL** John Sackett, Chair.....715-379-3202 **BUILDING & GROUNDS** Ed Kassing......715-456-5080 PARISH NURSE Karen Dolan.....715-579-5601 **MUSIC** Mikayla Rolling......507-461-3589 musicminister.ic@gmail.com PRAYER CHAIN Mary......715-834-6852 Nancy......715-834-5610 **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, January 10th

Weekday

#### TUESDAY, January 11th

Weekday

5:30pm †Joan Layland

#### WEDNESDAY, January 12th

Weekday

7:00am †Jack Mackany

†Irene Mackany

#### THURSDAY, January 13th

Weekday

9:00am †Michael Garton

#### FRIDAY, January 14th

Weekday

7:00am †Mary Boehm

#### SATURDAY, January 15th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm †Tom Hamm

#### SUNDAY, January 16th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am †Tommy Nash 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/iccatholicchurch/

Diocesan Masses:

#### Live Stream Schedule at diolc.org/live

Sunday Mass with Bishop Callahan – 9:30 am, on <u>Channel 18</u> Daily Mass (Monday-Saturday) from the Cathedral – 8:00am



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



#### Rosarv

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.

#### **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass said for your loved one or an intention, please contact the Parish Office at 715-835-9935.



#### **PARISH NEWS continued**

#### Our Deepest Sympathy to the Families of:



#### Earl Gregoire

who passed away on December 18th, 2021

~ & ~

#### Carol Wick

who passed away on December 22nd, 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

#### **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.

#### For Your Attention:

It was brought to our attention that during Mass times, we have cars parked in our neighbors parking lot. St Johns next door, has respectfully asked us to remind our parishioners to "not park" in their parking lot as it leaves less parking for their own parishioners. Thank you!



# New Hope for Unborn Babies? Pray for our Supreme Court Justices!

Is the end near for Roe v. Wade? Could the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy be overturned? The Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court could have that outcome – but we must pray. Read about the nationwide initiative of fasting and prayer at <u>diolc.org/respect-life</u>, where you can also download a flyer with photos of each of the Justices. Post it on your refrigerator and remember to pray and sacrifice for each of them by name! A ruling is expected by June.

#### Join our Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.!

We will have two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Iniative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy. To learn more, visit diolc.org/respect-life. Space is limited, as the buses are filling up.



#### **PARISH NEWS continued**

#### **Tornado Assistance**

Help those Devastated by the December Tornadoes! Please help assist families and communities affected by the recent devastating tornadoes in Kentucky and at least 5 other states - including Stanley, WI, in our own Diocese. Visit Catholic Charities' website - CCLSE.org - click on "Donate Today," enter "tornado relief" and your gift amount in the "general donations" box.

#### Rosary Repair

If you have any rosaries that are in need of repair, feel free to drop them at the Church office. We have a person who will do a wonderful no cost repair!





#### **PARISH FINANCIALS**

#### For Your Information...

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can do a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$100,000 a year from your IRA directly to a charity. The distribution won't show up in your adjusted gross income and CAN count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD). The QCD allows you to be more strategic with your RMD.

Consult your tax advisor before making any decisions. If a QCD is for you, please consider Immaculate Conception Parish as your charity of

#### 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 - 5:00pm. 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.

#### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

#### **Important Dates:**

#### First Year (9th Graders):

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

#### Second Year (10th Graders):

January 26th: Session #7

Mark your calendars for our CONFIRMATION RETREAT! February 12th from 8:30am until 5:00pm!

#### **FAMILY & FAITH FORMATION**

#### Important Dates:

- January 12th: Family Night. Students will go to their regular classes and parents come to Father Klink Hall.
- March 8th: 2nd Grade Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm in Father Klink Hall...please mark your calendars!

#### SCHOOL NEWS



## **Enrollment Opens January 24!**

### Preschool Open House

St. James **Elementary School** 

St. Mary's **Elementary School** 

Tuesday, February 8 | 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, February 10 | 4 to 6 p.m.

## Kindergarten Previem

St. James **Elementary School** 

St. Mary's **Elementary School** 

Tuesday, February 8 | 6 p.m. Friday, February 11 | 1 p.m.

Thursday, February 10 | 6 p.m. Friday, February 11 | 10:30 a.m.

#### **Immaculate Conception Elementary School**

Tuesday, February 15 | 6 p.m.

RSVP online to save your spot!

www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/RSVP

Curious about our other grade levels? We invite you to schedule a private tour to learn more about what we can offer your child.

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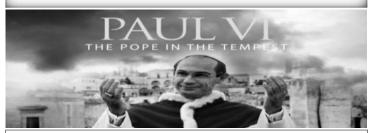
#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

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 Ms. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available at the La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/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.

#### FORMED ~ What's on...



Pope Paul VI was a leader in the Catholic Church as a priest, bishop, cardinal, and pope through one of the most difficult periods in its historyfrom the Fascist regime and World War II to the constitution of the Italian Republic, from the Second Vatican Council to the protests and terrorist attacks of the 1960's & 70's. His papacy ran from 1963 to 1978, during which he wrote the prophetic, controversial document Humane Vitae. This document strongly proclaimed the Church's teaching on the sacredness of married love and human life, and the evil of contraception, which the Pontiff said would open the door to abortion if allowed. He was the first travelling Pope who began to visit the dioceses of the five continents as no pope had ever done before. Paul VI was the pope who opened a dialogue among religions, visiting Jerusalem and the Holy Land, for the first time. This beautifully produced and well-acted movie is a journey into the past of both Italy and the world, in the midst of wars and continuous upheavals. Actor Fabrizio Gifuni gives a powerful and sensitive performance as Pope Paul VI and how he dealt with so many great challenges in his papacy.

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#### **ACTIVITY CORNER**

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Father Chad Holy Communion Jesus Mary sacraments Ten Commandments Christians Creator God the Father Holy Family Joseph mass serve Vacation Bible School Christmas Easter Great Commandment Holy Spirit kingdom of God praise sin Church Faith heaven Holy Trinity

Last Supper

Son of God

prayer

#### Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4,

24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/

Jn 2:1-11

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Religious Education Christmas Program a possibility! Our students did a wonderful job portraying "Christmas, the Birth of Christ" and singing Christmas songs!







#### **GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD**

Week of December 26th (Totals include Christmas)

Envelopes: \$31,520.90 Plate: \$2,555.92 ACH: \$563.00 Online: \$100.00

Thank You!

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL: \$107,390.00 \*\*\* PLEDGES TO DATE: \$60,880.00

#### **PASTOR'S PEN**

The start of the Virus made the year 2020, memorable to the whole world. As it evolved into a global pandemic, we started fearing everything and everyone around us. Soon it forced upon us a new model— social distancing, lockdowns, cleaning surfaces, working from home and zoom for everything- from dating to marriages, to funerals and to personal and family meetings. Finally, when we said goodbye to the Year 2020 subconsciously we all thought that somehow the virus would end soon. Sadly, it didn't happen. The Year 2021 truly tired us out! No one was excluded. You could be young and tired, elderly and tired, working from home and tired, working in a hospital and tired, be a first responder and tired! The fact that 2021 was worse meant that people, already tired, suddenly entered a new, almost previously unexperienced state of fatigue. Vaccination arrived on the scene. Vaccine mandates also came. We also saw people leaving their jobs or losing jobs. The virus took away many lives. No politician could stop the virus; no scientist could do it either. Then came the variants of the virus, which gave rise to a new fear, fatigue and acrimony among political, medical and scientific communities. It was the sort of tiredness that felt like it might take years to get over. There's no doubt that the whole world needs reconciliation and healing. Let us pray for the healing of this Nation!

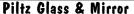
The year 2021 didn't stop life. We moved on facing the challenges that came our way. We said goodbye to the year 2021 too! We have embraced the year 2022 still with hope and a spirit of confidence. I know there's much suffering in our world. But the past years have displayed the remarkable ways individuals and communities have shown support to each other in times of need.

Despite all that was happening, I saw here in our own community amazingly beautiful gestures— the desire to belong, a greater sense of community, spirit of giving and sharing. I saw generosity abounding in our community, despite the disruption of life created by the Pandemic. Trials and tribulations do not stop us. Human spirit has the power to triumph over the worst situations! With grace and hope, we can still move forward. I thank God for the incredible generosity I have seen and heard in our community and across the world.

We hold hope in our hearts. Because we are hope filled, generosity flows from us; service to the community and needy are never excused. Families continue to support the needs of the Parish. Both the school and religious education programs have gone well because of the great support of parents, staff and students. We have had good liturgical celebrations with the assistance of Altar servers- young and old, Ushers, Sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, Lectors who proclaim God's word to us and the Choir with melodious music, accompanying us to worship God. The loving service of the team of men and women who clean, mop, decorate the inside and outside of the church week after week, not only render beauty but provide an ambience of the sacred to us all. I have had the joy of celebrating the special moments with you— my family here. Despite the sadness and loss that continue to invade our lives, we see God's rich blessings among us. We shall remain grateful.

This weekend, the Church's liturgy celebrates the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Christmas, Holy Family, Epiphany and now Baptism! At the Baptism of Jesus, once again we hear God revealing to us. Baptism marks a significant time for Jesus personally: he experiences a call to mission, he is grasped by the spirit of God, he is recognized as the chosen servant and son. Baptism does make us children of God and we are set on a new journey with God. Think of this: our Christian life began from the baptismal font of the church, where we were baptized. Let us learn to savor our own baptism! Like Jesus, we too shall make new beginnings. We are not alone. We make them in the power of the Spirit and in the love of the Father. Have a blessed weekend!

Fr. Francis



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