# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 1722 Highland Avenue • Eau Claire • Wisconsin January 23rd, 2022

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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Saturday
Sunday8:30 & 10:30am
WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday5:30pm Wednesday7:00am
Thursday
when school is NOT IN session
when school is IN session
Friday7:00am
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Tuesdays4:00pm - 5:15pm
Thursdays6:00pm - 7:30pm
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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.

# Immaculate Conception

# Eau Claire, Wisconsin

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

# MONDAY, January 24th

Weekday

## **TUESDAY, January 25th**

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 5:30pm †Joseph Schwebach

## WEDNESDAY, January 26th

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 7:00am †Naomi Smith

# THURSDAY, January 27th

Weekday

9:00am †Roy & Arlene Spaeth

# FRIDAY, January 28th

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church 7:00am †Francis Sam

## SATURDAY, January 29th

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* 5:00pm †Leonard, Mary Drescher & Lenny Jr.

# SUNDAY, January 30th

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time8:30am†Alan Jay10:30amParish Community

# PARISH NEWS

Watch our Parish Website for Up-to-date Information: Website: <u>https://www.ic-ec.us/</u>

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.



# 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.

# **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**

# LIFESAVER WEEKEND - JANUARY 22nd & 23rd!



January 22 marks the 49th anniversary of the Roe V. Wade decision, which legalized abortions in the United States. Since 1973, over 63,000,000 innocent unborn children have lost their lives through abortions. The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a

fundraising event at all Masses on January 22nd and 23rd. Knights will be at the doors of Church handing out individually wrapped lifesaver candy and would be happy to accept your donation enabling us to further a Culture of Life within our community. This year again you will have the opportunity to support this effort through online giving! Please go to your parish website and click on the "go fund me" link, then follow the prompts to make your donation. Thank you for your support of this campaign which is needed now more than ever before."

\*\*Again the Go Fund Me link for your parish website is: gofundme.com/knights-of-columbus-fundraiser-campaign.

# 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!

**Kence Theorem Street** 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.



The Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life will hold its annual *Rally for Life* on Sunday, February 6th at 2:00pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

Brian Gibson, the Executive Director of Pro-Life Action Ministries in St. Paul, will speak about the organization and its mission and also about the Supreme Court *Dobbs* case which could result in overturning Roe v. Wade.

# **Catholic Women's Club**

Eau Claire Catholic Women's Annual Valentine Card Party will be held Monday, February 7th at Pine Meadows Golf Club. Menu will consist of soup, salad, dessert, water and coffee. Cost is \$10.00. Please send check for your reservation to: Judy St. Arnault at 3718 Gables Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701 on or before February 1, 2022. Please wear Red and bring a Valentine card in an envelope signed; Eau Claire Catholic Women to be delivered to someone maybe lonely or forgotten. Social hour starts at noon with the luncheon following at 12:30pm. We will play cards, games and door prizes. Bring a friend and enjoy!

# **Great Oportunity for Cantors!**

The parish music team is looking for cantors! If you love to sing and worship the Lord with music, this is a great place to start. You will lead the congregation in song and worship, while working closely with the wonderful musicians you hear each weekend. No



experience needed, come as you are! If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact the parish music director, Mikayla Rolling, by email: <u>musicminister.ic@gmail.com</u>

# facebook.com/iccatholicchurch

# **PARISH NEWS continued**

# To All Parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church:

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking to hire someone with secretarial experience.

#### The work involves 25-30 hours per week at the Parish office.

The overall function is to assist the Pastor in his administration of the Parish and to provide any needed secretarial work for the Parish. As such, the Secretary serves as the primary contact person for phone calls, e-mails and walk-ins to the Parish; a liaison to the team of volunteers, to the Parish staff and to the school for matters related to school/Parish. The Secretary diligently maintains the Parish archive; updates all files; and assists the pastor in communicating with Parish families. The person must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability needed. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- High level of integrity, diplomacy, and initiative
- Ability to organize, prioritize, manage multiple priorities, and work with minimal supervision
- Ability to lift and carry twenty-pound parcels and/or boxes
- Ability to go up and down stairs
- Excellent communication and collaboration skills
- Professional confidentiality and discretion regarding all financial and personal information
- Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as word processing (Microsoft Word), spreadsheets (Excel), filing and record-keeping, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology
- Competent computer skills strongly desired, along with interest and capacity to learn software system followed by the diocese (ParishSoft). Training will be provided.

Send your letter of interest with a short resume to:

The Pastor 1712 Highland Ave. Immaculate Conception Parish Eau Claire, WI 54701

For all inquiries, please call Ed Kassing at 715-456-5080

# Parishioners: Please spread the word on this employment opportunity!

# The Famous IC New England Style Fish Boils are being planned!



Food supply issues have caused some challenges, but we hope to be able to maintain our traditional meals during Lent. Watch for further updates on dates and logistics in upcoming bulletins.



# **PARISH NEWS continued**

## **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!



# **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

## REGISTRATION FOR STEUBENVILLE IS DUE BY JANUARY 24TH! CHECK YOUR EMAILS!

# Important Dates:

## First Year (9th Graders):

- January 23rd: Mass, Dinner, and Session # 5!
- February 20th: Mass, Dinner, and Session # 6!

## Second Year (10th Graders):

- January 26th: Session #7
- March 9th: Confirmation Name Report Due
  Mark your calendars for our CONFIRMATION RETREAT!
  February 12th from 8:30am until 5:00pm!

# **FAMILY & FAITH FORMATION**

#### Important Dates:

- February 2nd: Family Night! More details to come!
- **March 2nd:** Ash Wednesday- Family Night. Attend Mass together and then come to Fr. Klink Hall for a soup supper.
- **March 8th:** 2nd Grade Parent Meeting at 6:00 pm in Father Klink Hall...please mark your calendars!

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

# **Regis Schools Open Enrollment:**

Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is scheduled to open on Monday, January 24th. As previously announced, Regis Catholic Schools will be implementing a new enrollment system starting with the 2022-23 school year. Parents will no longer need an 'enrollment code' to process their child's application. Instead, you will be asked to enter the required information directly into Skyward. We will share more details and enrollment instructions as we complete the move to our new enrollment process.

If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Ashley Bauer, our new Enrollment & Tuition Coordinator, at (715) 830-2273, ext. 1400 or anbauer@RegisCatholicSchools.com. (Start Date, Monday, January 17th).

We hope you will continue to be part of the Regis Catholic Schools family!

# **Regis Middle School Open House!**

<u>This is for current 5th grade families</u> and will be held at the Fr. Dowd Auditorium on Tuesday, February 8th at 6:00pm and also on Thursday, February 10th at 6:00pm. Please RSVP to attend one of these open house events online at <u>www.RegisCatholicSchools.com/RSVP</u>.

If you prefer, we also have a <u>virtual tour of the Regis campus</u> available online for you to check out with your 5th grade student.

# Eau Claire, Wisconsin

# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:

Our blood drive for January 31st is coming along. As of **L** American January 12th we have 14 donors signed up.



The need for blood is increasing for many reasons and there is not an ample supply of blood to meet the needs of all the hospitals. Please consider signing up by going to redcrossblood.org or call Karen Dolan at 715-579-5601.

# **Ongoing... Eye Glass Mission**

We will be collecting used eye glasses throughout the year for a mission trip to Peru in <u>January of 2023</u>. 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.

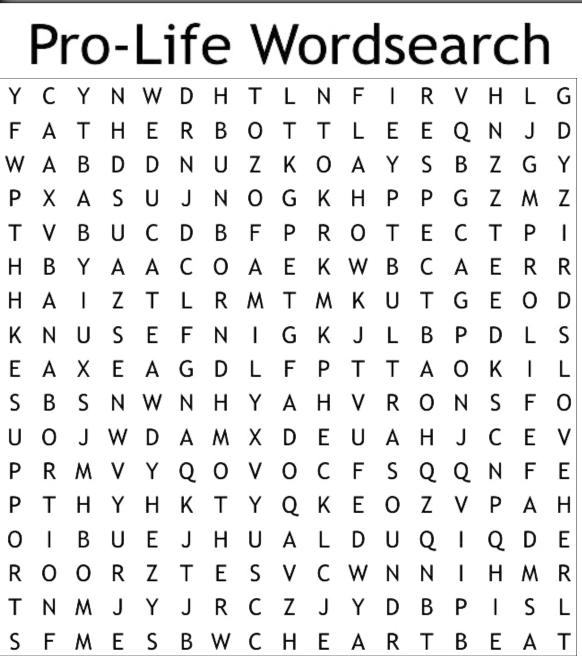
# ACTIVITY CORNER

# **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!

## **Custodial Position:**

St. Joseph's in Menomonie is looking for a full-time Custodial Assistant. The position is currently full-time with benefits, but the job can be split into two part-time positions depending on applicant availability. For more details and how to apply, please visit St. Joseph's website at <a href="http://www.menomoniecatholic.org">http://www.menomoniecatholic.org</a> and click on the "Custodial Assistant Job Posting" link.



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## Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

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Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



Can hearts really be changed on the issue of abortion?

This film tells the powerful true story of the conversion of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director to a leading Pro-life Activist. Abby Johnson was the director of the abortion facility that was the launching pad of the bold new pro-life effort - 40 Days for Life.

Abby believed that she was helping women by working for the nation's largest abortion operation, Planned Parenthood. She quickly rose in the ranks to become the director of an abortion facility and was even given an "Employee of the Year" award.

But one Fall morning everything changed. Abby suddenly she found herself on the other side of the fence, facing the truth about abortion. The real question now was, in her time of crisis, what would she do and who would help her?

This film reveals what happens when people pray, fast, sacrifice, love their enemies and take a stand on the most controversial issue of our time - abortion. Fences come down, hearts change, and the love of God shines light in the darkest, most unexpected places. And the evil of abortion is exposed and defeated.

The film includes exclusive interviews with those Abby encountered while she was on both sides of the fence including - the activists who prayed for her daily, the secular media who broke the big story of her conversion, the attorney who won the massive lawsuit that Planned Parenthood tried to silence her with and more.

GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD Week of January 9th				
Envelopes: Plate: ACH: Online:	\$9,674.90 \$884.00 \$1,657.00 \$670.00	Thank You!		

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL: \$107,390.00 \*\*\* PLEDGES TO DATE: \$62,145.00

# **PASTOR'S PEN**

The week of January 18-25 has come to be celebrated as Christian Unity week in the Church. This Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908, as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr. Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Today the Week of Prayer involves Churches and Christian communities across the globe. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Despite the efforts, our times may have seen more divisions, even within the Church itself. Unity of the believers was the desire of Jesus: "I gave them the same glory you gave me, so that they may be all one, just as you and I are one" (Jn 17: 22). Let us continue to pray for unity, reconciliation and healing. We need it. Our families require it. Our Nation needs it more than ever before.



Do you recognize these pictures in the Church? If not, visit the Marian Nook located in left side of the Church. As you face the Nook, you have statue of Blessed Mother, who looks elegant. To the right you will see the portrait of Divine Mercy, and to the left, the statue of St Peregrine, the patron of saint to intercede for people suffering from cancer. This renovation work was lovingly carried out by a few of our parishioners. The cost of renovation was also borne by a couple of donors who prefer to remain anonymous. Indeed, a labor of love bequeathed to our community with joy! I thank them for their generosity and work of love.

Devotion to Blessed Mother and saints are lively customs practiced by Catholics throughout the world. It is our faith that their intercession will assist us. More votive candles also have been added. You will see two sets of candles— the smaller (one day candle); the bigger, which goes for a week. The Nook is being maintained by the Art and Environment committee members.

The central theme running through the readings of this week is God's Word. The setting for our first reading is about 435 years before Christ. The Jews who were returning from their exile in Babylon found themselves struggling to rebuild their civilization, rampaged by the Persians. Nehemiah, the governor of Israel, appointed by the king of Persia, reminds the people that the rebuilding of their civilization starts with the rebuilding of their lives according to God's Word. God must take first place in their lives. In fact, he reminds them that much of the suffering they went through in the past brought on themselves because they ignored God's laws. Does that sound familiar to us and to our times? The rebuilding of any nation or civilization starts with reverence to God who has created us, and continues to love us, and cherish us. When more and more people, increasingly dissociate themselves with religion and living of faith, this scripture passage can serve as a wake-up call to all of us.

See you this weekend...

Fr. Francis



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