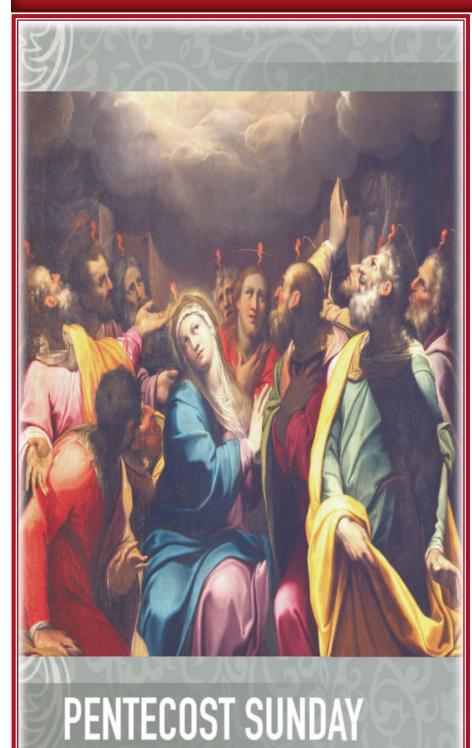
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Immaculate Conception Parish strives to be a faith-filled, Christ-centered community, sharing the gifts of time, talent and treasure. We gather for worship and fellowship, provide opportunities for growth through education and formation, serve the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

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 6th

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

TUESDAY, June 7th

Weekday 5:30pm

†Amy Schwarzmeier

WEDNESDAY, June 8th

Weekday 7:00am

For the intentions of Sam & Kathy Geraci & the poor souls in purgatory

THURSDAY, June 9th

Weekday 8:45am

†Pat Fischer

FRIDAY, June 10th

Weekday 7:00am †Judy Corcoran

SATURDAY, June 11th

The Most Holy Trinity 5:00pm †Wilbert Statz

SUNDAY, June 12th

The Most Holy Trinity 8:30am †Peter Kent †Hubert & Helen Brunner †Dean Brunner 10:30am Parish Community

PARISH NEWS

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

Website: Facebook: https://www.ic-ec.us/

: https://www.facebook.com/iccatholicchurch/

Diocesan Masses:

Live Stream Schedule at diolc.org/live Sunday Mass with Bishon Callaban – 9:30 am.

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

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:



Richard "Dick" Stewart who passed away on

May 19, 2022

"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

Parish "Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign Team and Volunteers

"Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine."

- Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart.

Our Parish believes that great things are possible with God's grace and our working together. With an enthused Team members and volunteers, the Capital Campaign is moving on well. The time and talent of the following persons have taken this Campaign to a good start so far: Tom Mihajlov (Chair), Dan Leibham (Co-chair), Ann Simonson, Becky Seelen, Chris Seelen, Jason Doering, Pamela Doering, Amy Peterson-Foss, Jeremy Foss, Mark Connell, Barb Connell, Elizabeth Nauertz, Maureen Kent, and Bill Chrostowski. Thanks to their courageous stewardship to the parish community.

Several families who have made the pledges also believe in themselves and what we can achieve together. Let every family be engaged and involved in investing for the future of our community. The **Pledge Commitment weekends** are coming. Completing our pledges within two weeks should be our common goal! The Lord will send his blessings upon us.

The Community Table needs HELP!

The Community Table is in need of extra volunteers. We are looking for help for the first Wednesday's of every month. There are two shifts to pick from, they are 9:00am - 11:00am and 11:00am - 1:00pm. If you can help with either or both of these, please contact Maribel Ebeling at 434-386-7979 or email Maribelebeling@gmail.com, or Jaci Fuller at 715-225-3978 or email tomnjaci58@gmail.com.



Ongoing...

Help Ukraine through Chalice of Mercy! Valentyna Pavsyukova is the founder of Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine and a member of our diocese. She is working to get humanitarian aid to the suffering Ukraine's citizens and soldiers. You can donate financially by making your check out to Chalice of Mercy and dropping your donation to Immaculate Conception or by going to https://chaliceofmercy.org/ donation/. To learn more about Valentyna and the beautiful mission of Chalice of Mercy, visit www.chaliceofmercy.org.

PARISH NEWS continued

Guitarists of the Parish! Come!!

Get your guitars! Bring your God-given talents to the community! Join Ken Rogers and Pat McGinnes to play and sing at the June 11th & 12th weekend masses. Questions? Please call Ken Rogers at 715-514-8741 or email him at loukenr@live.com



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 birthday gifts.

All profits realized by the Parish will go

Kuik Tuin Kuik Side 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.



GLOBAL OUIREACH

LET'S BUILD A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

Global Outreach is a Catholic student exchange program which welcomes students from east-central Europe to study at Wisconsin and Nebraska Catholic high schools for one year. As its mission, Global Outreach seeks to build a civilization of love by forming young, dynamic Catholic servant leaders for the 21st century. This mission is needed now more than ever as the six

countries, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, and Ukraine, stand in the forefront of the tragic war currently taking place in Ukraine. Regis Catholic High School has generously opened its doors to two Global Outreach girls and two boys as students for the 2022-2023 school year. Host families are still needed for one of the girls and both boys. Help them bring the light of peace to their part of the world by hosting one of these students. You can make a difference!

To learn more, please contact Ellen Killian, Regis International Student Advisor (715) 830-2271 ext. 1025 <u>ekillian@case.k12.wi.us</u> or Barbara Tota-Boryczka, Global Outreach Executive Director (920) 540-3085 <u>barbara.tota-boryczka@globaloutreachprogram.com</u> or Fr. Larry Seidl, Global Outreach Director (920) 412-0320 <u>ljseidl1949@gmail.com</u> Website: <u>www.globaloutreachprogram.com</u>

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!



Corpus Christi Processions

Corpus Christi this year falls on Sunday, June 19, and in 2022 signals the start of the United States' Eucharistic Revival, a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. In many places a procession with the Blessed Sacrament will be held. "The annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi...has a special importance and meaning for the pastoral life of the parish or city.... When the Eucharist is carried through the street in a solemn procession with singing, the Christian people give public witness of faith and devotion toward the sacrament" (Roman Ritual). Questions and Answers about Corpus Christi and its procession are available at https://diolc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Corpus-Christi-Procession-QA.pdf

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ~ Encouraging deeper understanding of Scripture ~

June 5, 2022 ~ Pentecost Sunday

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, life-giving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:



The blood drive we have scheduled for June 13th will be from noon until 6:00pm and is open for donors to sign up. With summer approaching, our donor numbers are down...

please consider adding donating to your calendar as the need for blood continues to grow. You can sign up online at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> or you can call me and I can sign you up as well. Karen Dolan 715-579-5601. Please feel free to leave a message and I will return your call.

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.



CONFIRMATION NEWS

 Make sure to register for the upcoming year if you are in 8th or 9th grade. Registration is online!

FAMILY & FAITH FORMATION

Important Dates:

- If you are planning on attending Faith Formation classes next year, please turn in your pre-registration paperwork ASAP!
- Please remember to fill out our Faith Formation survey! It was sent via email and is posted on Facebook.

SCHOOL NEWS

What a successful school year! Thank you students, staff, parents and parish for a year full of wonderful memories. Highlights of our year include Living Rosary in October, Christmas Program, many service projects, Lenten giving projects, Walk for Virtues, the Talent Show, STEAM Expo, Family Fun Night and so much more!

Report cards will be mailed next week along with class lists and supply lists for the upcoming school year.



KIDS CORNER

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

COMMUNITY NEWS

Information on Community Events can also be found in the blue "Community Events" book found 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.

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Readings for the week of June 5, 2022

<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39
<i>Extended Vigil</i> : Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/ JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day</i> : Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/ Jn 19:25-34
1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/ Mt 5:17-19
1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Mt 5:27-32
Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Mt 5:33-37
Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15





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PASTOR'S PEN

We raise our hearts to God as we begin the second half of the year 2022. To God be all glory and praise! The school year comes to its close. With God's grace and the continuing efforts of our teachers and families, we have been able to provide a safe environment for our children. Congratulations to the outgoing batch of 5th graders. I am proud of them. They are outstanding kids! They will do very well in life. My prayers and wishes will accompany them.

Two of our staff members had already communicated their retirement plans this year: Dallas Short, our custodian and Mary Chatham, the religious education secretary. These two very committed persons will be retiring this June. Their dedication and diligent work have contributed much to the growth of this community. Dallas's takeover as Custodian, three years ago started on a journey of amazing improvements in the church and school. His love for the parish and this community has manifested in everything he has done. We will miss his daily presence here. Mary Chatham has been a stalwart of the religious education program for 35+ years. We thank her for sincere work.

I am glad to inform you that the positions of the Parish secretary and the Custodian have been filled. The new members are expected to join for work in 3-4 weeks' time. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and support.

Joan Cinotto, the DRE has recently informed us that she will be moving to a new job elsewhere. I express my thanks for the service she has rendered to the community. Joan's leaving adds to the vacant positions in the religious education program: Director of Religious Education (DRE) and Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). I invite families and parents to find persons who can take these roles; and encourage people you might know to contact the Parish office at the earliest opportunity.

The Feast of Pentecost ushered in a new path for the apostles. From the locked doors, the apostles go outdoors. They go to the marketplaces where people gather and there, they proclaim to all how they have been changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. For the first believers too, the coming of the Spirit transformed them into a unified body. The event has caused a change— the scattered individuals have been drawn into unity, and the Spirit enabled them to live a new life.

The Spirit which fired the apostles and which enthused Paul is the same Spirit which fires and enthuses us. The Spirit does that in our own mundane attempts to work at forgiveness and love and understanding and service— the marketplaces of our lives.

The Spirit guides us to be united in our efforts as well. The Capital Campaign is a united effort of our Parish community. We are in the process of making our financial commitments to restore and fortify our community's future. Allow the Spirit to inspire your hearts. Let us be united in the Spirit! Let us join our fellow parishioners in making a sacrificial giving to this united cause. I trust your generosity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.





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