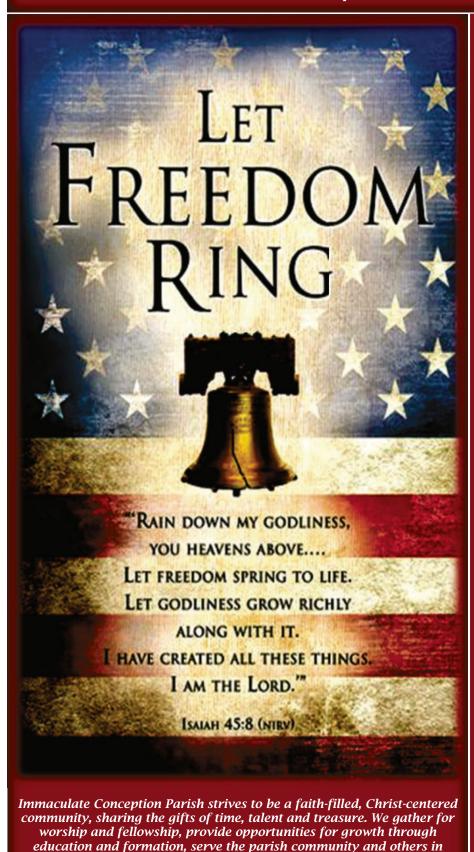
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 4th ~ Independence Day

Weekday

7:00am †Jean LeRoy

TUESDAY, July 5th

Weekday

5:30pm †Dave & Mary Ender

†Glenn St Arnault

WEDNESDAY, July 6th

Weekday

7:00am †Jean LeRoy

THURSDAY, July 7th

Weekday

8:45am †Judy Corcoran

FRIDAY, July 8th

Weekday

7:00am †Peter & Paul Bleser

SATURDAY, July 9th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Parish Community

SUNDAY, July 10th

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30am †Vito Vitone

10:30am For the intentions of Sam & Kathy Geraci

and the poor souls in purgatory

PARISH NEWS

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

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

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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



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

"Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign So close to reaching the goal of 1.1. Million! Let us make it!

Isn't this Campaign a proof to our common effort as well as the conviction that working together brings success? Certainly, this Campaign remains a proof to the stewardship commitment of our parish families. If you haven't, please join the parish families to make it a success. Let us be grateful! Thanks to all families of the parish for the support to this campaign, and to parish needs week after week.

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.

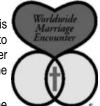
Rosary Repair

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!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other and gaze in each other's eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship.



Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems. At other times, the problem is the lack of quality time together, sharing the same room without one even noticing the other." As Pope Francis states living together is an art and can be a beautiful journey. Marriage can be challenging with family, work, finances, kids, busy schedules and all that life offers. Losing focus on what is important in life is easy.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend experience focuses on what's important in your marriage and provides the tools to live a beautiful journey together.

For more information, contact regional leadership couple: Jeff Francois (563) 608-3305 OR Janet Francois (563) 608-6635

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 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.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

The Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 6:00pm-8:00pm and on Sunday, September 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm.

Please contact Randy DeMars for more information at 715-271-4157, or email, randall.demars@gmail.com



PARISH NEWS continued

The Parish Office will be CLOSED July 4th

Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World!

Dr. Mary Healy through the generous donation of a donor presents this free Healing Conference! Join us **Saturday**, **July 16**, **2022** at Mary Mother of the Church Parish in La Crosse for this Healing Conference: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World! featuring Dr. Mary Healy. Dr. Healy is professor of Sacred Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an international speaker and author. Most importantly, Mary speaks at a level that everyone can understand. All are welcome. This Healing Conference is hosted by Living Water! Prayer Community. For questions, contact Deacon Kent Jacobson at livingwaterprayercommunity@gmail.com. When we, or a family member or friend, are faced with an injury or illness, physical or emotional, our thoughts turn to God in prayer for healing. We want to believe that God will grant healing, but we wonder. And if we as Catholics have doubts, what does this mean to a hurting world, also in need of healing? Dr. Mary Healy will answer such questions as:

- Is Jesus still healing people today?
- Are these healings real and do they last?
- How do we know if God wants us to pray for healing?
- Isn't God asking us to endure suffering and hardships instead of asking for healing?
- How can we pray for healing?
- Can my broken heart be healed as well as my body?

Note: Meals will not be provided, but coffee, water and snacks will be available. If you bring your own lunch, perhaps bring some to share. A list of nearby eateries will be located at the information table.

Sessions start at 8:30am - 3:15pm with a healing service at 6:30pm.

No registration, No charge! Just come... Jesus is calling!

Job Openings:

Immaculate Conception Parish is seeking to hire a **Director of Religious Education (DRE) and a Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE).**Both of these positions are full-time in the Faith Formation Office reporting to the Pastor. For more information: https://www.ic-ec.us/

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE:

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.

PARISH NEWS continued

Save the Date! Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are- September 9th - 11th in Dubuque, IA or November 18th - 20th in Holstein, IA. For more information call Greg and Denise at (563) 920-9419 or drubner9419@gmail.com

Thank You!

We have raised over \$2400.00 for this project but your donations are still needed!

If you would like to donate, please go to: Chalice of Mercy https://chaliceofmercy.org/donation/.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

~ Encouraging deeper understanding of Scripture ~

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

- Make sure to register for the upcoming year if you are in 8th or 9th grade. Registration is online!
- It's never too early to start working on your Confirmation requirements! Remember: all confirmation candidates are required to do at least 15 hours of service per year- 5 in your family community and 10 in the Church community
- Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram: https:// www.facebook.com/immaculateconception.faithformation.10/ icfaithformation

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!

Job Opening at St. Mary's/ St. Raymond's:

Evangelization and Catechesis Position Overview:

To build up, coordinate and lead the parishes' employees and teams into effective evangelization, especially the programs of Family Faith Formation, sacramental preparation, catechesis and mystagogy. This is a full-time position, including some evenings and weekends. Hours would be approximately 65% at St. Mary's and 35% at St. Raymond's. If you are interested, please send a resume to the pastor, Fr. Derek Sakowski, at dsakowski@diolclergy.org

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Whoever is hired for this position is also potentially eligible to reside, free of charge, in a house owned by St. Mary Parish. Ask the pastor for further details upon application.

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Readings for the week of July 3, 2022

Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/ Sunday:

Lk 10:1-12. 17-20 or 10:1-9

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/

Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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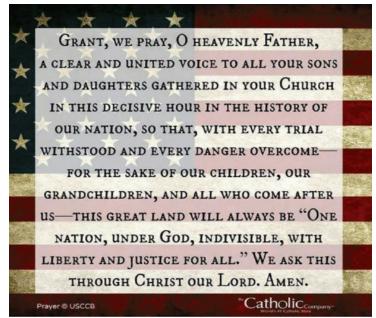
A warm welcome to Gerard Wolfe as Head of Maintenance Works at School and Parish.



Hi, my name is Gerard Wolfe. My family and I have been Immaculate Conception parishioners for 26 years. We have six grown sons and nine grandchildren. I enjoy spending time with the grandkids, family and many outdoor activities. Over the years I

have been involved with PREP, Choir and Marriage Preparation for the engaged couples. I have 30+ years' experience in maintenance and I'm grateful for this opportunity to be able to serve the Parish in this new capacity.





DEACON'S BENCH

Moving from the Death of Roe v. Wade to a Culture of Life

Pro-Life Christians are celebrating the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nation-wide. In his Press release Bishop Callahan stated that "We welcome today's ruling by the Supreme Court, as we continue to proclaim a vision for our society that upholds the truth that every human life is sacred and inviolable—a society in which the legal protection of human life is joined to profound care for mothers and their children."

As the Bishop's letter makes clear, the Prolife movement in general and the Church in particular, cannot rest on their laurels following this Court's decision, since the work of transforming our culture is an on-going, indeed, never-ending, political, moral, and spiritual struggle.

There remains much work to be done. The Bishop notes that our Catholic parishes need to be "places of welcome for women facing problem pregnancies"; that the Church must continue its assistance to Pregnancy Support Services and Adoption Services; and must continue to provide a "healing ministry to those wounded by the trauma of abortion."

The Bishop's Press Release concludes with a quote from Pope Francis:

[E]very human life, unique and unrepeatable, has value in and of itself.... This must always be proclaimed anew with the courage of the Word and the courage of actions. It calls us to solidarity and fraternal love for the great human family and for each of its members.

Pope Francis made the above remarks on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the release of the encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* ("The Gospel of Life"), written by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1995. That Encyclical, John Paul II wrote, is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (5) [Emphasis in the original].

John Paul warned that in the modern age we find ourselves part of "a veritable 'culture of death." (12).

Such a culture has arisen as a result of "the eclipse of the sense of God and of man....: when the sense of God is lost, there is also a tendency to lose the sense of man, of his dignity and his life; in turn, the systematic violation of the moral law, especially in the serious matter of respect for human life and its dignity, produces a kind of progressive darkening of the capacity to discern God's living and saving presence" (21).

We Christians, then, John Paul wrote, should be "fully aware that we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We all share in [this culture], with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (28).

At Immaculate Conception Parish, how can we most fittingly celebrate the death of *Roe v. Wade*? The political battle has now been returned to the states. We can work for the election of politicians in the State legislature and in the Governor's office who will pass and enforce laws to protect unborn life and care for vulnerable women and families. We can step up our funding of pro-life organizations, such as the Eau Claire County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life; we can increase our support of Pregnancy Care Centers, such as the Apple Pregnancy Care Center here in Eau Claire. We can continue to be personally welcoming and supportive of women facing problematic pregnancies.

Finally, just as Jesus sent out the seventy-two disciples to proclaim to their world that "the Kingdom of God is at hand for you" (Luke 10:9), as we read in today's Gospel, so we too are called to spread among our community the Good News of the Gospel of Life. As Pope John Paul II wrote in Evangelium Vitae, "We are the people of life because God, in His unconditional love, has given us the Gospel of life and by this same Gospel we have been transformed and saved.... We have become a people for life and we are called to act accordingly" (79).

So, by all means, let us celebrate the death of Roe v. Wade, but let us also make our celebration a building, through word, prayer, and action, of a Culture of Life.

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