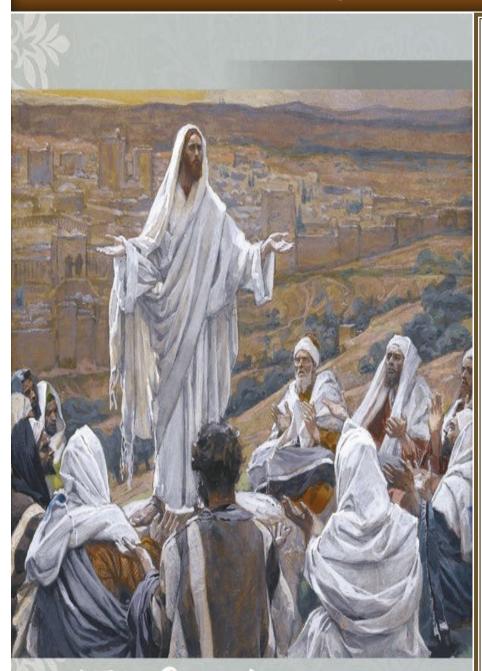
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	5:30pm
Wednesday	
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

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, July 25th

Saint James, Apostle

TUESDAY, July 26th

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30pm †Wilbert Statz

†John Jacobson †Carol Sitzberger

WEDNESDAY, July 27th

Weekday

7:00am †Josephine Marten

THURSDAY, July 28th

Weekday

8:45am †John & Barbara Campbell & Family

FRIDAY, July 29th

Saint Martha

7:00am †Leticia Gonzalez-Newman

SATURDAY, July 30th

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm Parish Community

SUNDAY, July 31st

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the intentions of Alicia Martinez

10:30am †Bill Butrum

PARISH NEWS

Check the Parish Website for more 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 9:30am, on Channel 18
- Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) from the Cathedral 8:00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday's at 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, please contact the Parish Office at 715-835-9935.

PARISH NEWS continued

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

~ 2022 PARISH FESTIVAL ~

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. Contact Randy DeMars for more information at 715-271-4157, or email parishfestial@icpeau.diolcparish.org

• 2022 Silent Auction

We are seeking donations for this year's silent auction, to be held during the Parish Festival in September. Please consider donating new items (please no used items). Themed baskets make a great donation. Basket ideas include, but are not limited to, coffee and tea, family fun night, spa, arts and crafts, gardening, kitchen fun, fishing, pet care, sports, etc. If you own a business, consider donating a business related basket. Pick up a donation card (located at all entrances of Church) and attach to your basket. Baskets can be dropped off in Fr. Klink Hall, on the benches with the green signs. Drop off can be done before/after weekend Masses or at the Rectory Monday - Thursday 9:00am - noon. Donation deadline is September 11th.

Immaculate Conception Fundraiser



The Parish has enrolled in a Fundraising program with Kwik Trip, 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.

"Inspired by the Spirit" Capital Campaign

It's not too late... If you haven't yet, please consider a donation to the "Inspired by the Spirit" campaign! Thanks to all the families of the parish who have supported this campaign. We could not do it without you!



PARISH NEWS continued



SCHOOL NEWS



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24th, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21





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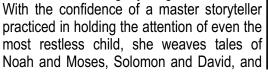
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DRE & CRE

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/

IN OTHER NEWS...

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

Job Opening

St. Olaf Parish is looking for a Business Manager/Bookkeeper. We are looking for someone with a strong background in accounting and business management. Experience in QuickBooks a plus. Monday-Thursday, 32 hours per week. Call Alison at 715-832-2504 x 100 or email solaf@saintolafparish.org

Blood Drive

The knights of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, July 26th from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. It is open to the public. Walk-in's are welcome but appointments are encouraged. Lunch will be served. Please call 877-232-4376 to schedule your time slot or for more information.

PASTOR'S PEN

Is bargaining with God a proper thing to do? If you have any doubt, the first reading of this Sunday scripture (Gen 18:20-32) would give you goose bumps. Abraham's close relationship with God has always fascinated my imagination. The story of bargaining that goes on is probably anthropomorphism at its best. Anthropomorphism refers to the attribution of human characteristics or behavior to a god, animal or object. While the story shows Abraham' trust, Yahweh's flexibility and the close relationship between them, it is more a display of God's own nature-mercy. In the story, it looks as if Abraham is the one who places a limit to God's mercy! But the message is clear: God loves his people even though they walk away from him and desires salvation of all. Perhaps, bargaining with God is something that has never dawned upon us? However, it looks that a close relationship is essential to it and then doing it in faith and perseverance! Through the parable of the pestering friend seeking assistance late at night, Jesus tells us that it is alright to pester his Father in prayer. Do we take the words of Jesus at face value? And in the long list of our needs, do we ever ask for the best gift from the Father— the Holy Spirit!

Look into the Gospels! It is with the anointing of the Holy Spirit that Jesus begins his public ministry. God becoming human is central to our faith. God did not appear as God. And the humanity of Jesus needed the anointing from above. We know what happened to the apostles after the Pentecost experience. That motely group turned the world upside down with the message that in Jesus, God has come to save everyone. They were fired up themselves and they fired up the spirits of all listeners. The spread of Christianity in the early church, amid a hostile cultural and political situation, much like today, has only one reason—the power of the spirit.

At our Baptism and Confirmation, we too have received the same Holy Spirit. We too are anointed by the Holy Spirit. With the gift of the Spirit in us, we cannot remain lukewarm. The same fire of the Holy spirit empowers us to proclaim that Jesus is alive, not just out there but in us- that is the proclamation and witness that we are called to make today. Do our daily lives prove that Jesus is alive?

Another theme that leaps off the page from today's readings is persistence in prayer. To the modern world, that's a very strange— almost silly— concept. Too often, we hear: what's the use of praying, when we hear no answers and our hearts continue to break? For many, God is a vending machine— to get things when one is in need, which cannot be called relationship at all. When our relationship is purely need-based that's not authentic relationship.

God desires relationship with us, and we cannot have relationship without conversation. Prayer is relationship. Everything true to human relationship—time, space, setting, communication— are true for our relationship with God. During each week, I see several persons coming to Church at different times and spending time with God. That is a sight which gives much joy to my heart! Seeing people immersed in prayer is a powerful proclamation. Persistent prayer is really just good communication. It's letting someone know about your feelings and your needs and allowing them to be there for you. To whom do we go with our needs- to the best friend, right? Is God my best friend or only vending machine? There's a phrase in today's readings that is worth noticing: *Abraham drew nearer* (v.23). It reminds us that he got closer and closer to God in every sense. Shouldn't we be desiring for a fresh intimacy with God? Begin today. *Fr. Francis*



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