

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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August 7, 2022



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” - Lk 12:37

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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

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- 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

Fr. Francis will be away on Retreat with his community of priests in Texas from August 7th - 13th

MONDAY, August 8th

Saint Dominic, Priest

TUESDAY, August 9th

~ Fr. Stanislaus Michael Presiding

Weekday

5:30pm †Peter Kent
†Dean Brunner

WEDNESDAY, August 10th

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

No Mass

THURSDAY, August 11th

Saint Clare, Virgin

No Mass

FRIDAY, August 12th

~ Fr. Anthony Joseph Presiding

Weekday

7:00am †Ellen Campbell

SATURDAY, August 13th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Parish Community

SUNDAY, August 14th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of
Sam & Kathy Geraci and the
poor souls in Purgatory

10:30am †David Haffa

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.**

PARISH NEWS continued

We recently celebrated the baptism of

Ella Lina Camis

Child of Michael Joseph Camis and Lindsey Nicole Overby Camis

We welcome her to the church and congratulate her parents



The Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary



Please join to celebrate the feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 15th.

- 7:00am: Devotional Rosary
- 7:30am: Holy Mass

Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven. In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued *Munificentissimus Deus*, which officially defined the dogma of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our catholic beliefs about Mary. Although, not a day of obligation this year, let us join to express our devotion to our heavenly Mother. Welcome to all who can make it.

Mass Intentions

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

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 parishfestival@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.

PARISH NEWS continued

Great News... Introducing the IC Knights of Columbus Round Table!

Your Immaculate Conception Knights of Columbus are forming a Knights of Columbus Round Table. All IC Knights of Columbus members are welcome to be involved. Round Table is specifically for our Parish and aims to channel monetary contributions to benefit the Parish. All donations from parishioners and proceeds from any specified event will remain solely for the use of Parish projects. We will have our first informal meeting on August 14th after the 8:30am mass in Fr Klink Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Hughes at gphuges51@gmail.com.

“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 of the families in the parish who have supported this campaign. We could not do it without you!

A Prayer for Farmers and Farm Communities

This litany offers words of relief and appreciation for farm families facing rising costs and temperatures

The life of a farmer has never been an easy one. It has always demanded long hours, physical strain and a multitude of dangers and difficulties.

These days, however, farmers are facing even more challenges, especially from rising costs as well as the heat and drought surging across the country. A moment of prayer seems appropriate for farmers and their families, farms and communities. Please join in a litany for farmers...

Gracious God, Gentle Shepherd, Garden Planter, we come to You on behalf of those who toil in farm and field, producing food for Your children and feed for creatures around the world...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, give crops and livestock the break they need from days and nights of stifling heat, that they may recover and flourish...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Steer the rainclouds in the right direction and send rain in the right amounts, for some have too much, and some too little...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect farm workers from heat, exhaustion and injury...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect livestock too—every chick and calf, every shoat and sheep, every bird and beast in the barn...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Deliver farmers from the debt accrued from costly machinery and shifting markets...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Save land and buildings, plants and animals from wildfire, erosion and blight...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Deliver them from the ravages of inflation; bring down the cost of seed, feed, fertilizer, fuel and hay into reasonable ranges...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Save farmers from the twin perils of low yield and depressed sale prices that plunder their profits...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Chase from them the worry and panic that so easily besets and send peace that passes understanding to their hearts and minds ...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Protect, preserve and prosper their family relationships amid long hours and stressful times...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Give them strength for their difficult task. Hear their prayers. Supply their needs. Lift their heads and bring them to the end of each day's work with faith to keep on and hope for the future...

Lord, hear our prayer.

READINGS ~ For the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19, Lk 12:32-48
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



FORMED ~ What's on...

Me & My House is a practical game plan for Catholic parents who are struggling with all the things that parents struggle with. We challenge you to do little things to make little changes that will make a huge impact on your family.

In this Catholic Parenting Program, you will discover the foundations that can strengthen your motherhood and fatherhood. You will learn the habits that can make parenting easier, and the habits that you absolutely want to avoid. In fact, we will get so practical that we'll discuss discipline and how to set boundaries, so that by the end of the program you will have a very clear sense of how you want to build your unique family culture with the children God has given you.



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD Week of July 24, 2022

Envelopes: \$8,613.90
Plate: \$569.35
ACH: \$533.00
Online: \$00.00



Thank You!

JOB OPENINGS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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/>

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

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.

DEACON'S BENCH

August's first week has ended, and as the warm Wisconsin days dwindle down to a precious few, the crickets, hidden beneath the exhausted grass, will begin their doleful song, putting in mind E. B. White's mournful passage from *Charlotte's Web*:

"The crickets sang in the grasses. They sang the song of summer's ending, a sad monotonous song. Summer is over and gone, over and gone, over and gone. Summer is dying, dying."

But fortunately for us, if not for the doomed crickets, Fall also means the beginning of things new: the beginning of a new school year in September, and in late November, the beginning of a new Church year. Spiritually and intellectually, Fall is a time for renewal, not for decay.

And so, before the rush of the new school year is upon us, now seems a perfect time to think about our own spiritual renewal. Two of the programs at Immaculate Conception Parish that aim at our spiritual renewal are the Missionary Discipleship small groups and *We Believe: Growing in the Catholic Christian Faith* (RCIA). Father Francis and I strongly encourage every member of the Parish to consider being a part of one or the other of these groups.

To help all of us at Immaculate Conception Parish develop a living and growing Catholic Christian faith, the **Missionary Discipleship Small Group** will begin, for the Men's Groups, in the third week of September, while the Women will begin a new Group in January, 2023.

We meet once a week, from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, either Monday or Thursday evenings and begin with a call to a genuine conversion of life, as we encourage each member of the Group to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and the Lord of our lives. Without that foundation in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we will have little to give to others who come to our Parish seeking God and Christian fellowship. Simply put: *We cannot give what we do not have.*

We will build on that foundation to develop a greater reliance on the Lord, cooperating with the Holy Spirit as we grow in personal holiness. We will strive to mature as followers of Christ by establishing a more consistent Prayer Life; by developing a deeper understanding of and reliance on the Holy Scriptures; by receiving the Sacraments regularly; by growing in Fellowship with other Christians; and by living out our Christian faith in public service and witness.

So far, about 60 members of the Parish have participated in the Missionary Discipleship small groups. I am hoping that, eventually, every single member of Immaculate Conception Parish will have attended our Christian "Boot Camp." If we are to be prepared for whatever the future holds in store for us, our families, our nation, and our Church, we need to bestir ourselves, and make our spiritual health and strength a priority.

A second program at Immaculate Conception Parish dedicated to spiritual renewal is ***We Believe: Growing in the Catholic Christian Faith***, which is Immaculate Conception's RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), the Church's way of welcoming adults into the Catholic Church. This would include:

- Married couples in which one spouse is Catholic and the other belongs to a different Christian denomination
- Engaged couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church but one of them is not Catholic
- Catholics who may have missed one or more of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation)
- Catholics who would like a "refresher course" in the Catholic faith

RCIA meets in Father Klink Hall Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, beginning the third week of September through the month of April. In each session, we watch and discuss an episode from an excellent DVD series; review a chapter of the book, *We Believe: A Survey of the Catholic Faith*; discuss the Mass readings for the up-coming week; and converse about other Catholic related topics.

Father and I encourage you to think seriously about how you might make this coming new Church year a time of spiritual change and renewal.

Summer may soon be "over and gone,"
but our spiritual lives live on.
Let us seek ways to renew that life.

Deacon Power

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