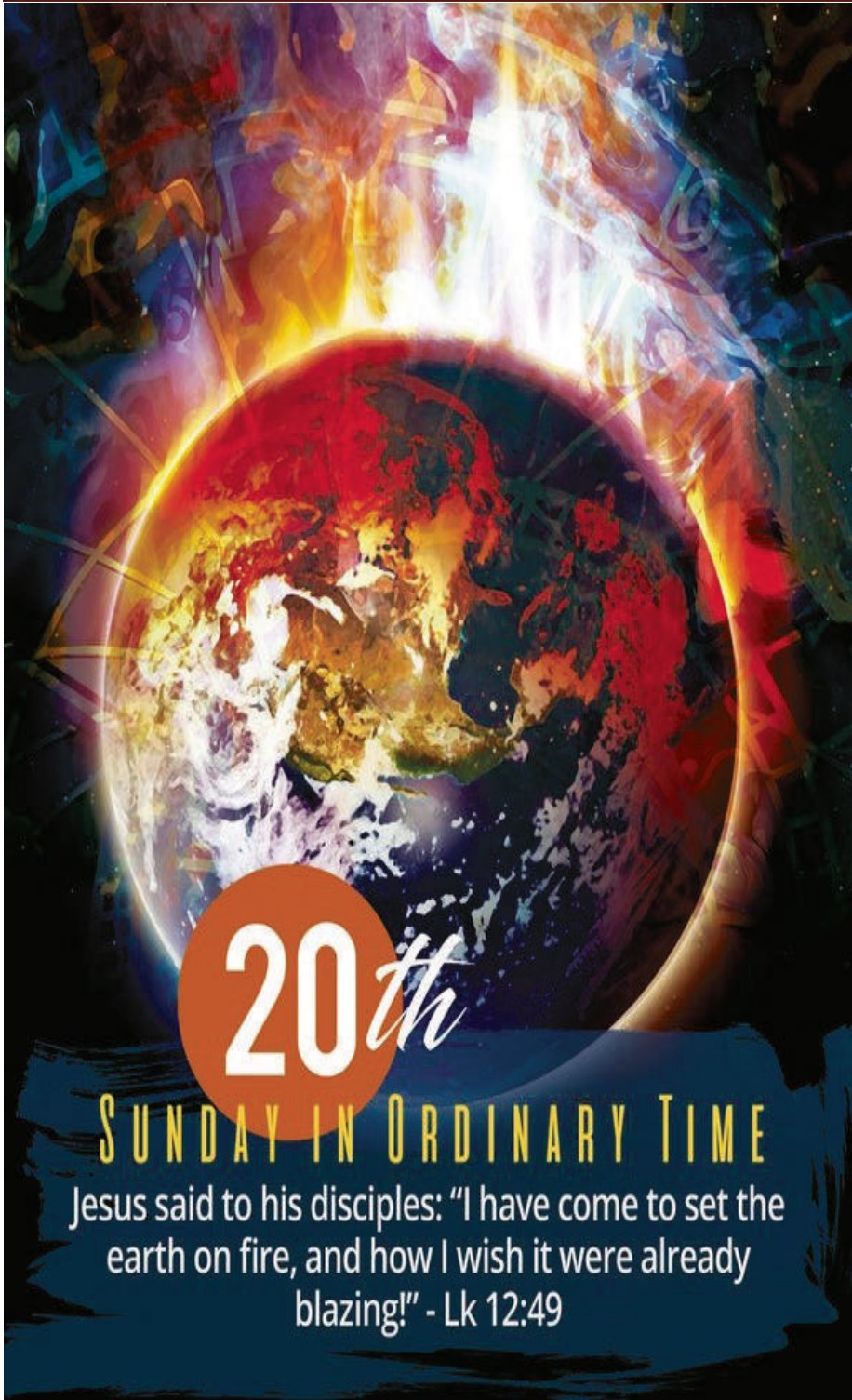


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August 14, 2022



20th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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.

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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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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR:

Joining the Parish • Weddings
Baptisms • Anointing of the sick
You are home-bound & would like a visit

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00am Rosary

7:30am †Bernice Kassing

TUESDAY, August 16th

Weekday

5:30pm †William Jaeb

WEDNESDAY, August 17th

Weekday

7:00am †Naomi Smith

THURSDAY, August 18th

Weekday

8:45am For the intentions of
Sam & Kathy Geraci and the
poor souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, August 19th

Weekday

7:00am †David & †Barb Meyer

SATURDAY, August 20th

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm †Wilbert Statz

SUNDAY, August 21st

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Parish Community

10:30am †Naomi Smith

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

We recently celebrated the baptism of



Lillian Marie Mather

Child of Brandon John Mather
and Caroline Marie Prince Mather

*We welcome her to the church
and congratulate her parents*

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

David D. Meyer

who passed away on

July 30, 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



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.

Women's Bible Study

Women's bible study will begin in September. We will be studying "The Letter to the Hebrews" by Scott Hahn. We meet on Thursday afternoons from 1:30pm - 3:00pm. Questions? Please contact Janet at jmtwolfe@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 parishfestival@icpeau.diolcparish.org

"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!

PARISH NEWS continued

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.

Coming Soon!!!!

The weekend of September 10th & 11th, we are back for Pizza Saturday and Donut Sunday! Fresh Pizza after Mass on Saturday evening and Donuts, Juice & Coffee after both Masses on Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to help with either of these, please call Sue at 715-864-3583



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

Immaculate Conception Fundraiser

We still have Kwik-Trip ULTIMATE Car Wash cards available at a discount. All profits go toward projects for the Church and School. These 5-Wash cards are available for \$36.00 in the Parish Office. Checks can be made out to Immaculate Conception.

PARISH NEWS continued

WIAWSO Diocesan Clean Water Appeal

WIAWSO Diocese is part of The Catholic World of believers in West Africa, Ghana, created by the Late Saint John Paul II, in December 1999. As a known fact, 783 million children and adults face a life-threatening crisis globally for lack of clean water. Disease spreads rapidly under these conditions, which only adds to the misery, suffering and the pain. The quest for safe and clean water requires much effort to come to the aid of our brothers and sisters. Seeking relief of scooping a couple of handfuls from untreated nearby rivers and streams add to the problem. It is a dangerous life situation for the women and their families as the quantity and quality of water is never enough to keep them from dehydration and bad health. We all know... WATER IS LIFE!

They try to plant and live on their own food but how to get them cooked poses the problem. Hence, the bishop is working with global organizations to sinking wells with hand-pumps for service, building reservoirs to store rainfall water to be collected during the rainy season and constructing water pipes, if possible, to where water is needed.

The Bishop needs your help! The goal is to fund 5 wells with hand-pumps, each roughly at three thousand dollars (\$3000.00). Covid has hit hard and the economy is not strong... so please join together and help those who are in desperate need of this natural resource.



FORMED ~ What's on...



In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman". This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis, as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman" and why is she so central in the history of Salvation?

This powerful film presents the beautiful Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. Combining many gorgeous images from classic sacred art with a lovely soundtrack, the dogmas of the Mother of God: Immaculate Conception, Perpetual Virginity and Assumption are explained, along with other traditional beliefs and devotions to Mary.

READINGS ~ For the Week of August 14th, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
 Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30



COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

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/>



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of July 31, 2022

Envelopes: \$13,299.90
 Plate: \$862.50
 ACH: \$5,865.00
 Online: \$375.00



Thank You!

ACTIVITY CORNER

August Saints and Feast Days Word Search

Find the bold/underlined words:

St. John Vianney
Transfiguration

St. Dominic

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St. Lawrence

St. Clare

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Assumption of Mary

St. Stephen of Hungary

St. Bernard

St. Pius X

St. Rose of Lima

St. Louis of France

St. Monica

St. Augustine

Passion of St. John the Baptist



PASTOR'S PEN

Our travel from EauClaire to Lake Dallas went well. I am here in Texas for my spiritual retreat. With the heat of Texas, the retreat might turn out to be a “desert” experience! We reached the Retreat Center on Monday evening. We thank God for the safe travel through several States. Before we start the retreat this evening, I thought of sending the *Pastor's Pen*. So, here it comes with a warm hug all the way from the Texan plains.

Did you know that spiritual retreats are an integral part of many religious traditions? In Christianity, a spiritual retreat can be defined as a definite time (from few hours in length to a month), spent away from one's normal life for the purpose of reconnecting, usually in prayer, with God. The fasting of Jesus in the desert for forty days is used as a biblical justification of retreats.

The meaning of “retreat” can be different for different religious communities. In Hinduism and Buddhism, meditative retreats are seen by some as an intimate way of deepening powers of concentration and insight. In the business world, modern organizations conduct corporate retreats on a regular basis to consider their strategic direction, review progress and set up goals and objectives for the year.

The practice of leaving one's everyday life to connect on a deeper level with God is as old as Christianity itself. However, the practice of spending a specific time away with God is a more modern phenomenon, dating from 1520s, particularly with the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius. The Spiritual Exercises were intended for people wanting to live closer to God's will for their life. In the 17th century, retreats became much more widespread in the Catholic Church. Retreats for married people and youth groups are popular in these days. Retreats are very helpful for anyone who desires to foster intimacy with God and persons. I would strongly recommend that married couples take time for marriage retreats. Most marriage retreats are organized during the weekends. If couples can find time to go for vacation, it is possible that they can also find time for a weekend retreat each year, which will enhance their marriage and family life.

On August 15th, we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Assumption of Mary is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XII defined this belief in his 1950 apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus* as follows: “We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.” The Pope did not invent this teaching but confirmed the belief of Christians. Several theologians, including Martin Luther, have preached and taught this belief. So, the Assumption of Mary is not a Catholic dogma *per se*. We will have a special devotional rosary and Holy Mass on August 15th. All those who can, please join. Talk to the family members and get the children excited about it. Bring them for Mass and take them out for breakfast!

Next weekend, we will have a visiting priest to celebrate the weekend Masses and speak about the evangelization work in Africa. Let us be generous to support the works of the Church in other countries. You will find envelopes for the donations. As part of the Mission Coop program of the diocese, I will be gone to another Parish in the diocese that weekend for Mission appeal.

During the retreat days, I shall keep you in my prayers...

See you soon, *Fr. Francis*

**AGAINST THE BACKDROP
OF LAKE DALLAS, THIS PHOTO
WAS TAKEN EARLY IN THE MORNING
AT 6:01 AM.**

**I HAD AN EARLY MORNING WALK
AROUND THE PROPERTY
OF THE RETREAT CENTER.**

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