

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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August 21, 2022



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." - Lk 13:24

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, August 23rd

Weekday

5:30pm †Ed & Jean LeRoy

WEDNESDAY, August 24th

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00am †Suzanne Campbell

THURSDAY, August 25th

Weekday

8:45am †Samuel & Mary Del Principe

FRIDAY, August 26th

Weekday

7:00am †Ellen Shields Campbell

SATURDAY, August 27th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Parish Community

SUNDAY, August 28th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am †Alfred Fritz Ganther

10:30am †Howard Herman, Sr

*Pray
Continually
1 Thessalonians 5:17*

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

Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of:

Arden Thorsbakken

who passed away on

August 2, 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



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

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 parishfestival@icpeau.diolcparish.org

Knights of Columbus ~

Immaculate Conception Round Table Mtg

Knights of Columbus IC Round Table meeting is scheduled for August 30th at 6:30pm in Fr. Klink Hall. All Immaculate Conceptions Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to attend. We are starting our KC IC Round Table.

A parish round table serves a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate aspiration of any parish round table remains the same. To actively engage Knights of Columbus members in order to aid our parish and sustain a visible Catholic action through works of charity in our parish and mission throughout the Order. Join us as we formulate our roles and goals. Questions? Contact Gary at 920-946-1463 or email, gphughes51@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

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.

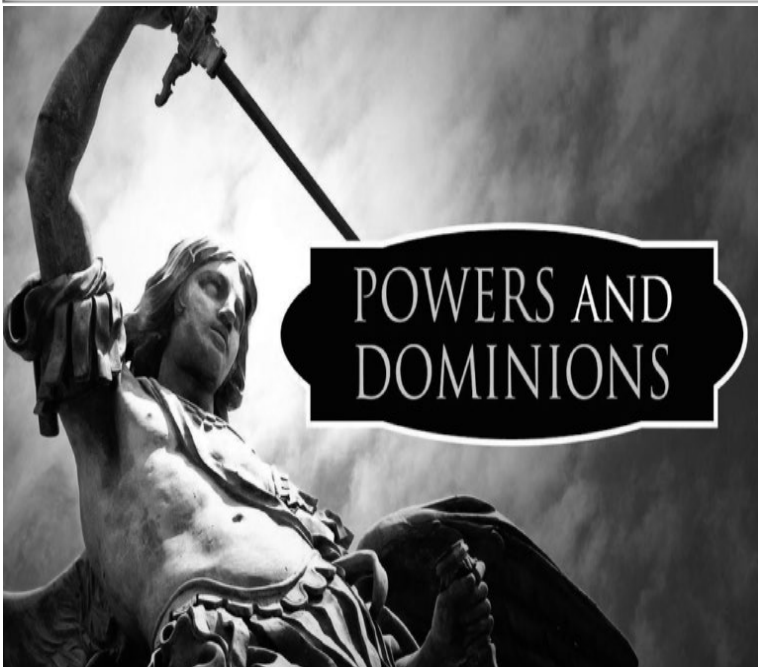
Walk for Life...

Join the Apple Pregnancy Center and the "Walk for Life" on September 17th, 2022. Registration begins at 9:00am and the walk starts at 10:00am. For more information, go to their website: friendsofapple.org

APPLE stands for "Aiding Problem Pregnancies with Love and Encouragement." We are an educational and support ministry to women, men and families facing unplanned pregnancies, offering life-affirming, compassionate counsel. Since 1981, we have been providing pregnancy testing, education and support. All services are provided without cost because of the generous support of people who want to help. All gifts are tax-deductible.



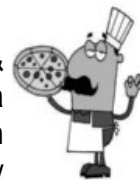
FORMED ~ What's on...



PARISH NEWS continued

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



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/>

YOUTH CHOIR

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH AND SCHOOL



BEGINNING THIS FALL
Children in grades 1-6, join
in the fun of worshipping
God with music!

Contact Mikayla Rolling at
musicminister@icpeau.diolcparish.org
for more information.

In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels.

From the creation of the world, the realm of the angels and the world of men have interacted. This interaction is not always a positive one.

This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult and much more. Featuring well-known speakers and authors Steve Ray, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Fr. Marcus Holden, Joanna Bogle, Fr. Jeremy Davies, and Fr. Behruz Rafat, this film offers an insightful and sobering presentation about the reality of the powers and dominions of the spiritual world. Inspirational music, beautiful artwork, and imagery are used throughout the film.

READINGS ~ For the Week of August 21st, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-1



GIFT'S RETURNED TO GOD

Week of August 7, 2022

Envelopes: \$8,272.90
 Plate: \$959.30
 ACH: \$1,657.00
 Online: \$800.00



Thank You!

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!

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Hail Mary,
 Full of Grace,
 The Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit
 of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
 and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

"My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when reproved by him" (Heb 12:5). These lines from the Letter to the Hebrews is an invitation to examine our attitude towards discipline. The author advises: "Endure your trials as "discipline." We face numerous trials in life. Each trial can become a source for our growth in maturity. Yet, when it comes to discipline, not many of us like it, precisely because discipline demands hard work and sacrifices! In fact, human beings can reach certain maturity only through a process of discipline.

Discipline provides people with rules to live their lives efficiently and effectively. When we have discipline in our life, we can make sacrifices in the present for a better life in the future. Today's culture of "instant satisfaction" militates against discipline. Discipline, on the other hand, creates habits, habits make routines and routines become who you are daily. Our life in the family and community are guided by principles of discipline. They promote the good of all. Self-discipline establishes inner strength and character and enables us to withstand temptations and forms of laziness. Having self-discipline heightens one's chances of success and helps to build better relationships. The failure to overcome certain habits, addictions and tendencies in all of us is due to the lack of necessary discipline.

Our faith life too requires a discipline. Several Catholics fail to have a good discipline of prayer. The discipline of prayer allows us to keep our relationship with God fresh so that we become best friends with Him, and always stay connected and in touch in one way or another. Without a life of prayer, our life's ultimate desire— union with God— cannot be achieved. Family prayer and family meals were well known customs of most Catholic homes. Today, it is a rare reality. For many, it looks no longer a priority concern! For the lack of it, we suffer— spiritually, emotionally and socially!

In the gospel, Jesus speaks of the "narrow gate" through which we all must enter. The narrow gate is the door for us. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate." Yes, *strive!* It is like giving it all we have! It is like placing all our energies into entering through the narrow door alone! No other door is to be pursued! The cross is the ultimate *narrow gate* where Jesus finally enters. It meant suffering, sacrifice and required a lot of discipline to stay focused on the mission of the Father and in doing the Father's will. What is our narrow gate currently? What in our life looks like a narrow gate for us? Are we disappointed or discouraged? How can we find strength as we journey through life's problems and difficulties? Remembering the ultimate goal— union with God— can be the best source to navigate through life. What it involves is a vibrant living of our faith. Faith life has nose-dived among Catholics. We need to restore it. And it starts in the families!

It is good to examine the kind of discipline we foster in our personal lives. Do we have a physical discipline that promotes our bodily health and psychological wellness? Do we have a discipline of prayer that builds relationship with God, which enhances our self-worth as beloved of God? The *narrow gate* of self-discipline is an important door for us to enter. "Not many will attempt" tells Jesus.

In September, children will be back to school. Many activities in the parish also will be started again. The Pandemic adversely affected several activities of our community. Let us re-start programs that would help the growth and fellowship of our community. Leaders of these various programs are requested to take the necessary steps. Parish Festival is here! Let us join hands to make the Parish festival a success. The goal of all these is to help us grow as a community, sharing our faith and life together and bring glory to God.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Fr. Francis

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