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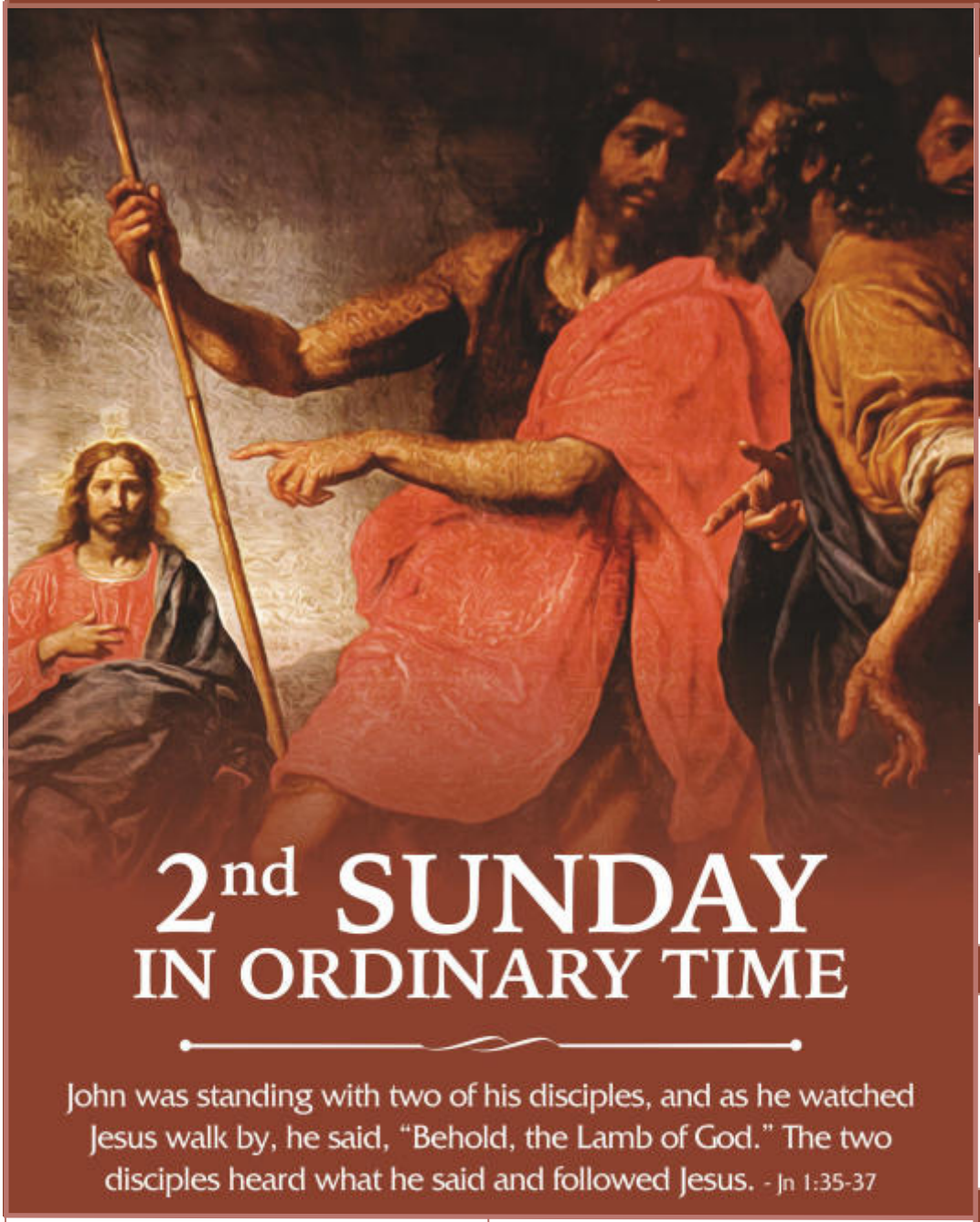
# Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph

January 17, 2021



## 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37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## Holy Mass

**Saturday** 5:00 PM (ICC)
**Sunday** 8:00 AM (SJ)
10:00 AM (ICC)
**Tuesday** 5:30 PM (ICC)
**Wednesday** 8:30 AM (ICC)
**Thursday** 8:30 AM (ICC)
**Friday** 8:30 AM (ICC)

*No Masses held at Lakeside*

## Adoration

**Thursdays**

Exposition at 9:00 AM to
Benediction at 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church

## Confession

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday | 4:30-5:15 PM | ICC |
| Saturday | 3:30-4:15 PM | ICC |

## Rosary

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|---|---|---|
| Monday | 8:30 AM | ICC |
| Saturday | 4:25 PM | ICC |

For the intentions of Vocations, Seminarians & Priests of the Diocese of Duluth

## Prayer Line

Betty Pitzen 612.616.9249
Kelly Welch 612.245.5103
Carolyn Kazda 651.493.8827

St. Joseph's
Marita Haberman 320.629.3461

## ICC Office Hours

**Monday** ~ 8:00am -1:00pm
**Tuesday** ~ 9:00am - 5:30pm
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday**
8:00am-1:00pm

## Bulletin Deadlines

Tuesdays by 10:00 AM
before desired bulletin.

Please submit to
laura.miller@duluthcatholic.org

# Financial Blessings

| ICC | New Year's | Envelopes | St. Jos |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $ 25.00 | | |
| | $ 260.00 | Solemnity of Mary | |
| | January 10 | Envelopes | January 10 |
| | $ 4,092.00 | | $ 1,240.00 |
| | $ 34.00 | Plate | $ 150.00 |
| | $ 640.00 | Building Fund | |
| | $ 190.50 | UCA | |
| | $ 720.00 | Christmas | $ 25.00 |
| | $ 116.00 | Solemnity of Mary | |
| | $ 306.00 | Rainy Day | |

# Mass Intentions this Week

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tue | 1/19 | 5:30 pm | † | Lester Bombard |
| Wed | 1/20 | 8:30 am | | Phyllis Schlagel (MOL) |
| Thu | 1/21 | 8:30 am | | Parish Staff (MOL) |
| Fri | 1/22 | 8:30 am | † | Deb Jennings |
| Sat | 1/23 | 5:00 pm | † | Leo Skluzacek |
| Sun | 1/24 | 8:00 am | | Dave & Dorothy Hill<br>45th Anniversary |
| | | 10:00 am | | People of Our Parish |

# Liturgical Ministers

| Saturday, January 23 | 5:00 PM |
|---|---|
| Lector: | Nancy Mach |
| Ushers: | * Sandi Frerich<br>Robert Noyes |
| **Sunday, January 24** | **10:00 AM** |
| Lector: | Barb Skluzacek |
| Ushers: | *Dennis Howard<br>Sheila Hughes<br>Kelly Welch<br>Dan Welch |
| St. Joseph's Ministry: | Doug Branzovsky |

# Mission Statement

With Christ as its center and empowered by the Holy Spirit in union with Mary, Mother of the Church, the mission of Immaculate Conception Parish is to be an evangelizing community that teaches, sanctifies and serves the people of God.

# Parish News

## Mass Attendance

Saturday, Jan. 9, 5:00 PM ~ 40
Sunday, Jan. 10, 8:00 AM ~ 30
Sunday, Jan. 10, 10:00 AM ~ 126

Our sympathy and prayers
to the family & friends of

## Helen Sirba

*Mother of Fr. Joseph Sirba and the Late Bishop Paul Sirba*

*May Perpetual light shine upon her*

# ICC Altar Flowers

***This Weekend***

***Donated in honor of their Anniversary***

## *Mike & Gina Ausmus*

***Upcoming Weekends***

***January 24 ~ Available***
***January 31 ~ Available***

# Prayer Chain

Please keep Jack Ouradnik, Lenny & Sonia Piha, Dave Pixley, Teri Gospodarek, Danielle Pitzen, Margaret Bible, Eloyes Lindahl, DeDe Groschen, Carolyn Labore, Sandie Johnson, Mary Odegard, and Tom Theisen in your prayers.

# Meetings this week

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mon | 1/18 | 1:00 pm | Rosary Makers |
| Thu | 1/21 | 9:00 am | **Adoration** |
| Fri | 1/22 | 9:00 am | Legion of Mary |

Meetings must follow protocol set by Diocese of Duluth. Please contact office for details and/or to schedule a meeting. Thank you!

# Parish News

## Church in Latin America Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit *www.usccb.org/latin-america*.

## Poinsettias Available!

If you ordered a poinsettia for our Christmas altar, please take one from the St. Anthony Commons to enjoy at home by next Sunday, January 24. Thank you for helping decorate our altar for Christmas and honoring and remembering your loved ones in such a beautiful way!

## *THANK YOU!*

A huge Thank You to everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations in the Church last Sunday! Lots of hands and willing spirits made for quick work of a large project!

Your work was greatly appreciated!

## Sign Up for Altar Flowers

2021 Altar Flower Dedication Sign-Up board is located in the St. Anthony Commons. We invite you to dedicate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones. A minimum donation of $40 is suggested to cover the cost of flowers. Sign up early to secure the weekend of your choice!

## Backpack Food Program

In January we will be collecting individual serving size packages of **Rice Krispie Bars** to be used for the Pine City Backpack Food Program. Please drop your donation in the basket in the St. Anthony Commons. Thank You!

## Life Line Screening Cancelled

Life Line Screening scheduled for Tuesday, January 19 at our parish has been cancelled. Please contact Life Line directly with questions for alternative locations or to reschedule at (866) 229-0469.

# Message from the Pastor

## Available Mass Intentions

Those of our parishioners who are coming to our office to order a Mass intention know that it is not easy to find an open date. Unfortunately (or fortunately - some say it is good problem to have), you need to order a couple of months or even a year ahead. We have in our parish just four Masses during weekdays and two Masses each weekend open to accept parishioners requests. Yes, just two Masses per weekend because I, like every pastor, am required to offer the Mass *Pro Populo* each Sunday. *Pro populo* is a Latin phrase meaning *for the people of the Parish.* That's the one you see in our bulletin listed as *People of our Parish.* So, we have in our parishes 52 less weekend Masses opened for our parishioners to request. Plus, we have funerals, vacations and sometimes other reasons that we have to change a date. It really makes it hard to find an exact day we would like our intention to be celebrated. People are especially disappointed when they have "an urgent" need, like someone's illness, upcoming surgery or death of a loved one who lived far away.

For that reason, we leave two days each month open; where we don't accept a Mass intention ahead of time. If an open day is not taken a week ahead, I usually offer this Mass for my loved ones, living or deceased, or for a deceased priest from our diocese. You can see those Masses listed in our bulletin as "Available Intention". Please check our bulletin each week and if you see an *Available Intention,* you may be able to order your own, last minute, even right before Mass is celebrated.

I also would like to suggest that you join, if possible, more people together in one intention; like for both parents, for the deceased from your family, or for your children.

It may be true that a shortage of open Mass intentions is a good problem to have, but I also understand how disappointing or frustrating it might be finding that a specific date is already unavailable. Thank you for your understanding and please consider using some of the options I suggested earlier in this note.

Let us continue to pray for each other and remember also in your prayers our shut-ins and sick parishioners.

Msgr. Aleksander Suchan

# Parish News

## Cards for Confirmands

Thank you everyone for praying for our Confirmands as they take the final steps in their preparation. If you have a specific Confirmand that you have been praying for and would like to give them a card at the celebration on February 7th, you can send them to the parish office at: 555 8th Street SW, Pine City, MN 55063. Please be sure to include the name of the Confirmand and it will be given to them following the celebration. Thank you!

# Religious Education

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## Religious Education

**Religious Education Elementary Grades Returning to In-Person:** Religious Education here at the church will resume, by grade, the same week students return to in-person school. **Next Wednesday, January 20th we will welcome back 1st & 2nd Graders**—please be sure your child brings back their tote and book for Religious Ed. If it would work better for your family, you may drop off the tote and book in St Anthony Commons over weekend Masses, during regular office hours, or you can call Lynette to make special arrangements.

Elementary: Please continue to work in your "Be My Disciples" workbook until the school resumes in-person for your grade.

Jr. & Sr. High Students: Please continue to work through the "Christ in the Liturgy" workbook or "Chosen" series. As the High School resumes in-person, we will too!

**High School students Check-In & Evening Prayer this Wednesday Jan 20th:** We will continue this until the High School resumes in-person Religious Education. Jr. High at 6:15; Sr. High at 7:00. Links are sent to parents' emails.

## Sacramental Preparation

**1st Holy Communion:** 2nd graders of our parish will celebrate 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, April 18th. When 2nd grade Religious Education resumes this Wednesday, January 20th, 2nd graders will begin lessons about 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion.

**Confirmation Preparation: Less than 1 month to go!** Many Candidates for Confirmation have not yet submitted their Sponsor information or Saint Name. Please get this information to Lynette as soon as possible. Also, there are still options for serving as an Usher or Lector at Mass over the next few weeks.

**Upcoming Dates for Confirmation:**

**Confirmation Retreat**, Sunday January 24th
11:00—3:00 All Candidates Must Attend.

**Confirmation Rehearsal**, Sunday January 31st,
11:00—1:00 All Candidates and their Sponsor or Parent must attend.

**Confirmation Celebrated**, Sunday February 7th,
2:00 Special Mass for Candidates and immediate family.

# Adoration Resumes

Please consider spending time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament

## Thursdays

Exposition ~ 9:00 AM to Benediction ~ 6:00

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