

Welcome to the Communities of
Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph
 December 19, 2021

4th *Sunday*
OF ADVENT



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	Christmas Schedule In Bulletin

Adoration

Thursdays

NO Adoration
 December 23rd

Confession

Additional Times on Flap

Tuesday	4:30-5:15 PM	ICC
Saturday	4:00 PM	ICC
Sunday	7:30 AM	SJ

Rosary

Monday	9:00 AM	ICC
Saturday	4:25 PM	ICC

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ICC Office Hours

Monday ~ 8:00am - 1:00pm
Tuesday ~ 9:00am - 5:30pm
Wed & Thurs ~ 8:00am-1:00pm
Friday, Dec. 24 ~ CLOSED

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays by 10:00 AM
 before desired bulletin to:
 laura.miller@duluthcatholic.org
See Holiday Deadlines Inside

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Financial Blessings

ICC	December 12	Envelopes	Dec. 12	St. Jos
	Not		\$ 720.00	
	Available	Plate	\$ 53.00	
	At Print	Immaculate Conception	\$ 10.00	
		Retirement Fund	\$ 40.00	

Mass Intentions this Week

Tue	12/21	5:30 pm	† Susan L. Jude
Wed	12/22	8:30 am	† Skip Pitzen
Thu	12/23	8:30 am	† Jerry Smith
Fri	12/24	5:00 pm	† Dave Pixley
		10:00 pm	† John R. Plasek
Sat	12/25	Midnight	† Sandi Bombard
		10:00 am	Gene & Darlene Biever
Sun	12/26	8:00 am	† Jim & Arydthe Ryan
		10:00 am	People of Our Parish

Liturgical Ministers

Friday, Dec. 24	5:00 PM ~ ICC
Lector:	Karen Wilcox
MHC:	Deacon Mark
Ushers:	* Dennis Howard Mike Erickson Joe Paget Mary Babolik
Altar Servers:	James & Luke Mangan
Friday, Dec. 24	10:00 PM ~ St. Joseph
St. Joseph's Ministry:	Shelley Worrel
Saturday, Dec. 25	Midnight Mass ~ ICC
Lector:	Lynette Forbes-Cardey
Ushers & Altar Servers:	~ None Scheduled ~
Saturday, Dec. 25	10:00 AM ~ ICC
Lector & MHC:	Mary Kay Borgstrom
Ushers:	* Skip Stevens Sandi Frerich
Altar Servers:	Cindy Miller
Sunday, Dec. 26	8:00 AM ~ St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's Ministry:	Jason Rarick
Sunday, Dec. 26	10:00 AM ~ ICC
Lector:	Don Delak
MHC:	Peter Schmittiel
Ushers:	* Dennis Howard Wally Connaker Jane Connaker
Altar Servers:	Aaron & Lily Rootkie

Parish News

Early  Deadline

Please submit Bulletin entries by 10:00 am by the following dates to Laura.Miller@DuluthCatholic.org

January 2 Bulletin ~ Due Monday, December 27

Thank you for your help in making these deadlines!

ICC Altar Flowers

This Weekend

Donated by Wally & Sue Smetana and Family in loving memory of

Ben & Irene Sauter



Upcoming Weekends

December 26 ~ Christmas Garden

January 2 ~ Christmas Garden

Meetings this week

Sun	12/19	11:00 am	Decorate Church
Tue	12/21	6:30 am	Men's Group
Thu	12/23	--	NO Adoration
Thu	12/23	10:00 am	Final Decorating of Altar

Prayer Chain

Please keep Oden Ohlsen, Darlene Biever, Rita Hagstrom, Madonna Waletzko, Kathy Becht, Starr Skluzacek, Theodore Skluzacek, Steve Lowen, Dorothy Anderson, Lenny Piha, Paul Gospodarek Jr., Dave Kurz, Al Gallik, Eugene Anderson, Jeff Stevens, Gary Voigt, Carol Skluzacek, Richard Moncrief, Eloyes Lindahl, and Tom Theisen in your prayers.



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



Please help us decorate the church for Christmas following **THIS Sunday's 10:00 AM Mass and on Thursday, December 23 starting at 10:00 AM**

All help is greatly appreciated!

Park & Pew Raffle Tickets

THIS SUNDAY, December 19th, is the final day the Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets for a Reserved Parking spot and a pew of your choice for the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Cost is \$5 each or three for \$10 and can be purchased after Mass.

Our sympathy and prayers to family and friends of

Dalbert Steele

May Perpetual light shine upon him



No Adoration on Thursday

Please note that there will be an 8:30 AM Mass but NO Adoration on Thursday, December 23. Adoration will resume on Thursday, December 31. Merry Christmas!

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

2022 Altar Flower Dedication Sign-Up board is available in the St. Anthony Commons. We invite you to donate altar flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Sign up early to secure the weekend of your choice!



Church Office Closed

Friday, December 24 & Friday, December 31

Have a blessed Christmas Season!



UCA Update

2021 ICC's Assessment

2021 UCA assessment	- \$45,003.86
Collected	- \$33,692.50
Balance	- \$11,311.36.

Offertory envelopes not marked Sunday or Building Fund will be designated to UCA. *Please be generous!*

2021 St. Joseph's Assessment

St. Joseph's 2021 UCA assessment is \$6,472.79 of which we have collected \$2,125.00 leaving a balance of \$4,347.79 due THIS year. *Please be generous!*

Message from the Pastor

125 Years of St. Joseph's Church

The special "Year of St. Joseph" concluded on Dec. 8, 2021. Pope Francis explains that this special year was "to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal,"

Beginning December 8, 2020 we devoted an entire year to not only honor St. Joseph but to also increase our devotion to him. There is no greater model than St. Joseph from whom we can learn how to be faithful to God, how to seek His will and to quietly accept it in our everyday life.

Although recently we have been emphasizing the 150th Anniversary of Immaculate Conception parish, we have to mark down another anniversary, that is the 125th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church in Beroun. Sunday, March 20, 2022, a day after the feast day of St. Joseph, we will give thanks to God for our ancestors who built our beautiful church in Beroun, and passed on to our times the faith and devotion to the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Closer to the celebration, there will be more details about this feast day and the anniversary of St. Joseph's Church, but I think it is appropriate to mention it now, particularly during Advent, while we prepare ourselves for Christmas and, like St. Joseph, quietly following the Star of Bethlehem.

As our ancestors chose St. Joseph to be the patron Saint of our parish community, our guardian and protector, so we call him today to protect us and help us to pass our faith unstained to generations to come.

Let us continue to pray for each other this Advent season so we can soon joyfully celebrate the Nativity of our Lord in Bethlehem's manger.

Msgr. Aleksander Suchan

Parish News

Gift Cards Needed

Would you like to bring Christmas joy to families in our parish community? Please donate gift cards for gas and local grocery stores and businesses to our office to be distributed to parish families in need. Your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

Retirement Fund for Religious



A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last week's Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Religious Ed / Youth Ministry

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Religious Education

No Religious Education (Elementary and Jr/Sr High) this Week, Dec. 22nd and next week Dec. 29th. We will see you on Wednesday, January 5th!

Preparation for Confirmation: The new year, by Jan. 5th, brings a great time for parents of youth currently in 10th & 11th grades to register their youth for Religious Education. Confirmation will be celebrated at our parish in **February 2023**. Most of the formal preparation for Confirmation is done during weekly Religious Education sessions. Questions? Give Lynette a call or email.

Youth Ministry

Steubenville Conference this Summer! July 12—17, 2022. Youth in 9th through 12th grades are invited to join our trip to the Steubenville Conference in Rochester MN. Not only the Conference, but a Pilgrimage and Mission work too! Please visit this link for details: <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/Mission-Trips>

Earn your way to Camp or Steubenville! Youth in Junior & Senior High School are invited to volunteer for Donut Sunday. Proceeds for Donut Sunday will be distributed to those who volunteer according to how many times they serve. This is a fun activity that is greatly appreciated by our parishioners! Call or email Lynette for more details.

Parish News

Backpack Food Program



In December we are collecting **Granola Bars (any flavor)** to be used for the Pine City Backpack Food Program. A basket is located in St. Anthony Commons for your Donation. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Great time to Review!

Sorry for the mix up last week! **Our final session of The Search** with our Sr. High Students will be on **January 5th**. This is a great time for you to review previous episodes or get caught up.

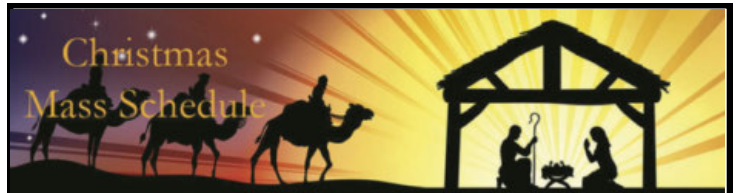
Thank you for accompanying our youth on this quest! The Search videos are available free, on-line. Just visit FORMED.org/signup click on "Sign up as a parishioner", use zip code: 55063 and follow directions.



2022 Calendars Available

Our very own 2022 Catholic Calendar celebrating Immaculate Conception's 150th Anniversary is our gift to YOU! Please pick up one of the white envelopes by the entrances of the church.

"Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain a wisdom of heart." Psalm 90:12



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

5:00 pm - Immaculate Conception

10:00 pm - St. Joseph's

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Saturday, December 25th

12:00 am/**Midnight** - Immaculate Conception

10:00 am - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 26th ~ The Most Holy Family

8:00 AM - St. Joseph's

10:00 AM - Immaculate Conception

Sunday, January 2nd ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Saturday - Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM Sunday - St. Joseph's

10:00 AM Sunday - Immaculate Conception



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Times for Confession During Advent

Sunday, Dec. 19 ~ 7:30-7:45 AM at St. Joseph's

Thursday, Dec. 23 ~ 9:15-9:45 am ~ *NO Adoration*

Multiple Priests

Monday, December 20 ~ 6:30 PM

St. Patrick's Church (Hinckley)

Tuesday, December 21 ~ 6:15 PM

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