

Welcome to the Communities of
Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph
 January 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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)
3rd Friday	9:30 AM (at Lakeside Nursing Home)

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	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 & Friday
 8:00am-1:00pm

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesdays by 10:00 AM
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Financial Blessings

ICC	January 2	Envelopes	January 2	St. Jos
50	\$ 2,438.00		\$ 155.00	
	\$ 204.00	Plate	\$ 45.00	
	\$ 585.00	Building Fund		
	\$ 403.00	UCA		
	\$ 475.00	Christmas	\$ 70.00	
	\$.00	Initial Offering	\$ 35.00	
	\$ 240.00	Solemnity of Mary		
	\$ 70.00	Full of Grace		

Mass Intentions this Week

Tue	1/11	5:30 pm	† Roger Hagstrom
Wed	1/12	8:30 am	† Mike Hudak
Thu	1/13	8:30 am	Betsy Blaufuss
Fri	1/14	8:30 am	† Father Francis Gaber
Sat	1/15	5:00 pm	† George Drimel
Sun	1/16	8:00 am	People of Our Parish
		10:00 am	† Bob Leibel

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 15	5:00 PM ~ ICC
Lector:	Karen Wilcox
MHC:	Karen Wilcox
Ushers:	* Robert Noyes Sandi Frerich
Sunday, January 16	8:00 AM ~ St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's Ministry:	Doug Branzovsky
Sunday, January 16	10:00 AM ~ ICC
Lector:	Becky Gallik
MHC:	Deacon Mark
Ushers:	* Steve Grimm Sue Grimm Skip Stevens Nancy Stevens
Altar Servers:	Cindy Miller Tanner Jahnz

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.

Bible In A Year



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Not too Late to start!

Bible in a Year, with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This very successful and popular Podcast is repeating for 2022 with the same readings and commentary as 2021. Listen daily as Fr. Mike reads from Holy Scripture in an approachable way that helps us understand the context. We can truly understand the Bible as God's Love Story to the World! And this year, it is available in Spanish too! Go to ascensionpress.com to learn more.

ICC Altar Flowers

This Weekend

Christmas Garden



Upcoming Weekends

*January 16 ~ Mike & Gina Ausmus
and Chris & Laura Miller*

January 23 ~ Rita Hagstrom

Meetings this week

Wed	1/12	3:00 pm	Elementary Religious Ed.
Wed	1/12	7:00 pm	JH/SH Religious Ed
Thu	1/13	9:00 am	Adoration
Thu	1/13	10:30 am	150th Celebration Meeting
Fri	1/14	9:00 am	Legion of Mary

Prayer Chain

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



Parish News

Please Help!

Please join us following THIS Sunday's 10:00 AM Mass to take down the Christmas decorations in the church. Individuals who donated poinsettias will be able to take one home at this time as well.



THANK YOU!

Our sympathy and prayers
to the family and friends of

Laurence (Larry) Eich



May Perpetual light shine upon him

Donut Sunday This Weekend!

Please join us for donuts, coffee, and fellowship! Your free will donation will be used to help our teens cover the cost of a Steubenville Conference Trip and other faith-based activities this coming year. We thank the Knights of Columbus who generously fund our Donut Sundays. And, we thank you!



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!



Backpack Food Program



January we are collecting **Microwave Popcorn** to be used for the Pine City Backpack Food Program. A basket is located in the St. Anthony Commons for your Donation. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2022 Calendars Available

A few 2022 Catholic Calendars celebrating Immaculate Conception's 150th Anniversary are available. Please pick up one up by the entrances of the churches.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



God in Ordinary Moments

I Hope I Am Like Him

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Diocesan Activity



Theology Uncapped

Theology Uncapped is excited to announce our next event, Thursday January 27, featuring Father Richard Kunst and Pastor Rollie Brockbrader. This event topic is: “Salvation” and is being held at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 1419 St. Benedict Street, Duluth MN. The cost is \$25 which includes a catered meal from Famous Dave's, beer, wine, pop and coffee. Seating is limited at 215, so register now at www.theologyuncapped.org. Please contact Deacon John Foucault @ (218)393-0631 if you are unable to register online.



Religious Ed / Youth Ministry

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Religious Education

Religious Education (Elementary and Jr/Sr High) We will see you Wednesday, January 5th 3:00 for Elementary and 7:00 for Jr/Sr High (arrive a little early for a snack!)

Preparation for Confirmation: January is 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. Questions? Give Lynette a call or email.**

Youth Ministry

Steubenville Conference in Rochester MN! July 12—17, 2022 Youth in 9th through 12th grades are invited. The Conference, a Pilgrimage, and Mission work too! Please visit this link for details: <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/Mission-Trips>

Earn you way to Camp Survive or Steubenville! Next Opportunity: Donut Sunday January 16th after 10:00 Mass. Youth in Junior & Senior High School are invited to volunteer for Donut Sunday. Proceeds from Donut Sunday will be applied to the cost of the Steubenville Conference trip or Camp Survive tuition according to how many times each youth serves. This is a fun activity that is greatly appreciated by our parishioners!

Job Opportunities

The Diocese of Duluth is hiring a full-time **Director of Development** that is responsible for fostering intentional giving in support of the apostolic ministry of the Church. The office will promote and cultivate a culture of giving through establishing and nurturing sustainable relationships among individuals and institutions in the Diocese of Duluth. To request a job description and application, please contact Mary Rasch, the Director of Human Resources, at mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org.

The **Nurse for Priests** promotes the healing ministry among the Presbyterate of the Diocese of Duluth, especially senior priests. This position provides leadership in identifying and responding to the health-related needs of the priests. This employee serves as a health educator, counselor, resource/referral person, advocate, pastoral/spiritual care provider and coordinator of health-related services for active and retired priests.

The nurse articulates the relationship of health of mind, body, and spirit to create wholeness, health, and a sense of well-being for that person. If you are interested in this part-time role (20 hours per week), please email Mary Rasch at mary.rasch@duluthcatholic.org for a job description and application.

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