



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

Luke 24:45-46

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April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday
of Easter

Mass Schedule

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 12:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration open
to scheduled adorers only.



Our Mission

*The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception is to proclaim and
celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples
by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.*

From the Pastor's Desk

"Why are you Troubled?"

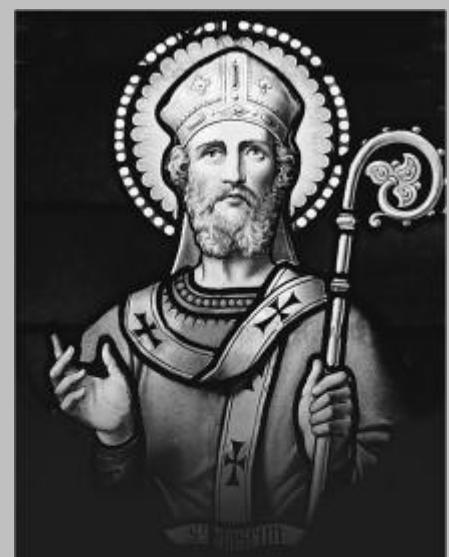
The first words that are recorded of Jesus to the disciples in the Upper Room after the Resurrection are, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:36 and John 20:19). Within the Gospel of Luke the first question that he asked his friends after that was, "Why are you troubled?" (Luke 24:38). At the natural level the disciples would have been in a time of sadness, mourning, and grieving for the death of their teacher and friend. Looking at him, even after he promised that he would do so, understandably caused them to be, "startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost" (Luke 24:37). To assuage or calm their fears Jesus said, "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have" (Luke 24:39).



Last week we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday which was a celebration of the tender mercy that the Lord has for each and every one of us. A question to ponder within our own heart of hearts could be, "Why are you troubled?" Are you fearful or anxious with how the world is going? Does it seem like the problems in your life are too much to handle? Even prior to His suffering, death, and resurrection Jesus told His friends at the Last Supper, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me" (John 14:1).

While the storms of this life do provoke fear and sadness and pain we have hopeful confidence that Jesus is with us. He has suffered for us and desires to journey with us to strengthen us. May these Easter Days renew our trust and confidence in the Risen Lord so that we can then compassionately reach out to others whose hearts are troubled.

Joy with Christ,
Fr. James



Saint
ANSELM
of Canterbury
Bishop & Doctor of the Church

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This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, April 18, 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 19

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21, St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22, Earth Day

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23, St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24, St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr, St Mary Euphrasia Pelletier, Foundress of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25, 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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The Queen of May is Almost Here!

This spring the Queen of May benefit will be a virtual event! We always make it special, so this year you can bid on items for 5 full days and view the video of the program throughout the week of May 2-7.

We are collecting auction items from the school families and are going to have some great things! We are also reaching out to parishioners to see if they would consider donating an item, basket or gift card to the auction. Your generosity with all of our fund-raisers is truly appreciated! If you are able to donate, please drop off an item at the Parish Office between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Watch for the event link on the ICS Facebook page and our website as it gets closer to the event.

Questions? Contact Jami Bridgeman at 763-788-9065.

8th Grade Bake Sale

Please consider helping our school's 8th graders with their graduation celebration by purchasing Bake Sale items next weekend. Your support helps to pay expenses. As always, your support and prayers are appreciated!

Saint of the Week

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

1577-1622

Feast Day—April 24

Born in Sigmaringen (Germany), Mark Roy studied philosophy and law at the University of Freiburg in Breisgau. After tutoring young aristocrats and traveling Europe with them, he began practicing law in Alsace, where he quickly became "the poor person's lawyer." But, disillusioned over other lawyers' behavior, he gave up the law to follow a vocation in religious life. As an ordained Capuchin named Fidelis, he was renowned for his holiness, preaching and leadership. He was superior at several houses before being invited to eastern Switzerland to call Protestants back to Catholicism. This mission, complicated by the politics of the time and hatred of the Catholic Habsburgs, became increasingly dangerous and led to his murder by opponents. He was canonized in 1746.

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How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPI

Parish News

High School Seniors

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? We are gathering names of students to invite to a Mass on Sunday, May 30 when we will recognize and pray for the graduates. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 x 210 or mnawrocki@immac-church.org to request an invitation. Thank you!



Pastoral Ministry

Growing Through Loss

Growing Through Loss provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues. Our third session is on Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 6:45 pm. Deacon John Cleveland from Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Chaska will speak on *Coping with Grief: A Personal Story* (please note: the speaker has changed from when the brochures were printed, the topic is the same). Each session is complete in itself so please consider joining us for one or more sessions. We will be meeting at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive Mounds View, 55112. Childcare will not be provided for safety reasons. You are required to wear a face mask. Brochures are available in the church narthex. **The educational presentations will be live streamed through YouTube entitled GTL North Suburban.**

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain	Janet Mihalik	Martha Stwora
Paul Bona	Teddy Miller	Elaine Thunstrom
Robin Crisp	Gina McMartin	Sandra Tabor
Mary Fredenburg	Shawn Moulzolf	Lois Weyers
Art Harris	Jody Oftedahl	Germaine Wolsfeld
Gerald Krawiecki	Katie Oftedahl	
Jeff LaFontaine	Diane Redmann	and all those on our prayer chain
Steven Lauinger	Greg Sery	

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Dear Visitor

Welcome, we are glad to see you today! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

Thank you for your generous support!

Feed My Starving Children: \$ 2,984.10
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Coins for Social Justice (March): \$ 283.76

It is amazing to witness the generosity of our community!

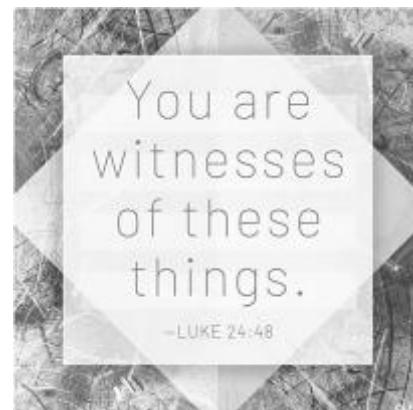
"The kindly man will be blessed, for he gives of his sustenance to the poor." —Proverbs 22:9

Faith Formation

Totus Tuus Registration is Now Open!



Totus Tuus ("Totally Yours") summer programs offer a week of faith and fun for kids! A team of college students and seminarians will lead a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 14-18 from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm, which includes daily Mass, faith activities, games and water fun. The evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 13-17 from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm includes Eucharistic Adoration, confession, hot topics, and social time. Cost is \$25 per student and \$75 max per family and can be written off for tax purposes. More information and the registration form can be found at parish.iccsonline.org/totus-tuus or call the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x210. We hope to see you there!



Prayer

Intercessory Prayer

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention:

For the planning and preparation of the confirmation retreat and the Totus Tuus summer programs

The Week Ahead

April 18

Confirmation Class 10:45 am - 11:45 am

April 20

School Advisory Meeting 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

April 23

Adoration 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

April 24

8th Grade Bake Sale 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

April 25

8th Grade Bake Sale 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Pre-Confirmation Class 10:45 am - 11:45 am
Confirmation Class 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Reflections

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year). In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.

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Word of Life

“Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me’ (Mt 25:40).”

—Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith “*Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life*”. (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.) Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

“Lord, let your face shine on us.”

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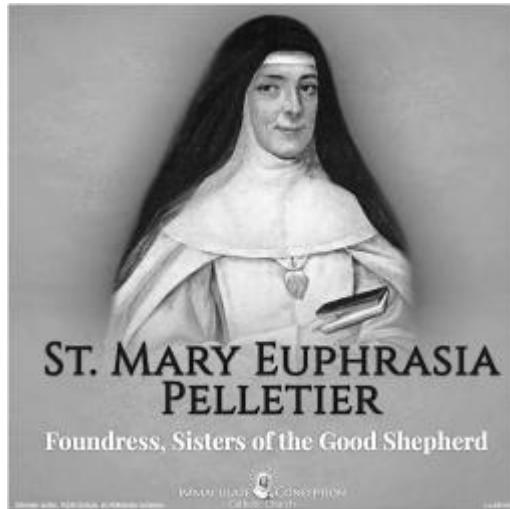
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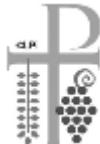
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 18

- 8:00 am +Tom Sichak
10:00 am +Prokott Family
12:00 pm IC Parish



Tuesday, April 20

- 7:30 am +Mable Cegla, Terri Glaeser, +Lynn Kerkes

Wednesday, April 21

- 7:30 am +John C. Breza

Thursday, April 22

- 8:30 am +George & Lillian Rozek, & Sandra Wadzink

Friday, April 23

- 7:30 am +Bob Jensen, Molly Rhoe, +Duane Nasser

Saturday, April 24

- 5:00 pm +Phyllis Anderson

Sunday, April 25

- 8:00 am +Leonard A. White
10:00 am +Donald, Allen & Roger Dufault
12:00 pm IC Parishioners

+Deceased

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Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrance to the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.

Gospel Meditation



Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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"The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia!"

(Luke 24:35)

Adorers recognize Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance as they pray in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. St. Theresa said, "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you—for you alone?"

Our chapel is available Monday through Friday, with some regulations we must follow:

- Only registered, scheduled adorers are allowed in the chapel (No walk in visitors will be admitted at this time)
- Masks are required
- All adorers are asked to sanitize any surfaces they touch during their adoration hour
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home

If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Volunteers are needed to cover Mondays at noon, Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, Wednesdays at 10:00 am and 11:00 am, Thursdays at 9:00 am and Fridays at 2:00 pm.

WATCH



April 18, 2021

ECHO with Bishop Donald Hying

ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.

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Beyond Our Parish

April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

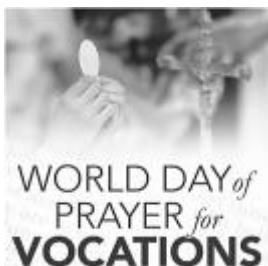
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World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.



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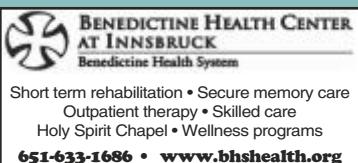
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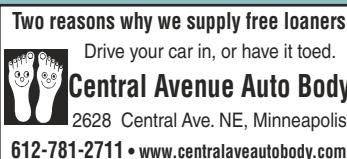
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