

IMMACULATE  CONCEPTION  
– Catholic Church –

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The blind man replied to him,  
“Master, I want to see.”  
Jesus told him, “Go your way;  
your faith has saved you.”

Mk 10:46-52



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October 24, 2021

30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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) 11:30 am

Reconciliation

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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San Damiano Chapel

Weekdays beginning at 7:00 am



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

## Great Things

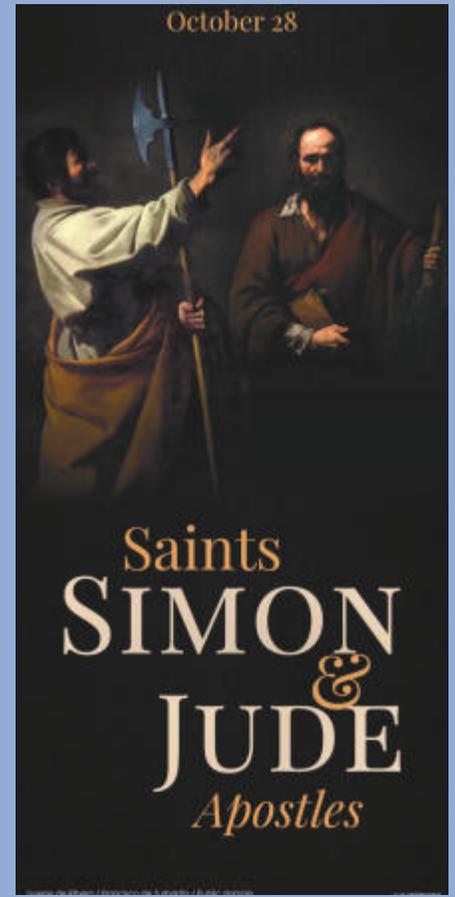
Within the Responsorial Psalm 126 for Mass on Sunday we repeat over and over again that, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” This is certainly true over the course of salvation history when God has delivered His people from floods, fires, famines, Pharaohs, fears, fiascos, foreign lands, and failures.



At the personal level what are some of those “great things” that God our Heavenly Father has done for you? Have you experienced peace in the midst of chaotic life circumstances? Have you been healed from heartbreak, addiction, or wounds from the past? What other ways have you seen the Lord at work in your life and/or the life of those around you?

May the Lord continue to strengthen and support us as we move onward in this life so that we would be a people characterized by faith, freedom, and “filled with joy.”

Fr. James



## This Week's Readings and Observances

**Sunday, October 24, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday**  
Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

**Monday, October 25**  
Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday, October 26**  
Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday, October 27**  
Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday, October 28, Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

**Friday, October 29**  
Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday, October 30, BVM**  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday, October 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday**  
Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

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## IC Men's Knight—Ask the Priest!

All men age 18 and older are invited to attend the Immaculate Conception church Men's Knight "Ask the Priest" evening, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the IC Men's Group on Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 5:00 - 9:00 pm in the ICS cafeteria. Sloppy Joes will be served.

RSVP's are not required but would be appreciated for planning purposes. Call or text Mike Bridgeman at 612-770-1169.

## The Word Among Us

The *Word Among Us* magazine offers daily and Sunday readings, the prayers of the Mass, daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more! Each issue of the print edition of the devotional is currently read by more than 550,000 people world-wide. Copies are available to take and keep at all the entrances to the church.

## October Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us to pray the Rosary, led by the IC Council of Catholic Women, every Sunday in October in the church immediately following the 10:00 am Mass and weeknights at 6:00 pm led by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!

## Today is World Mission Sunday

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

## Scouts Christmas Wreath Sale

Next weekend, October 30 and 31, the annual Boy Scout wreath sale will be held in the church narthex. Boy Scout Troop 119 will be taking orders for wreaths after all Masses. To order by phone, contact Bill Lepsch, 612-805-3445 by November 1.



**Civillize It: A Better Kind of Politics** is a nonpartisan initiative that seeks to assist Catholics to counter polarization and division in Church and society by following the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 80).

Respond to Pope Francis' call to build "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 154) by pledging:

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Learn more and commit to #ABetterKindofPolitics at [civillizeit.org](http://civillizeit.org).

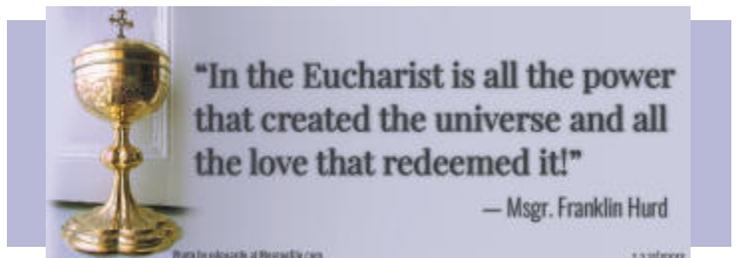
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*"Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face."*

(Psalm 105: 3-4)

Seeking the Lord is what adorers do when they attend their hour of Eucharistic Adoration. They know Jesus will be there for them and look forward to spending time in His presence. Everyone is invited to come and visit our adoration chapel, and to sign up for an hour of adoration.

The chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. We are always looking for more scheduled adorers and are currently looking for volunteers to cover Mondays at 2:00 pm, Wednesdays at 11:00 am (partner needed) and Thursdays at 2:00 pm. If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled adoration hour or if you would like to visit our chapel, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



## St. Peter of Alcantara | Feast Day October 26

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.



When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.

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## Pastoral Ministry

### 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 *Otto Lausten, Lorrie Nalezny*, 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, Paul Bona, Robin Crisp, Jim Davis,  
Mary Fredenburg, Brian Gourley, Stacey Drews Kochmann,  
Linda Kosloski, Gerald Krawiecki, Jeff LaFontaine,  
Steven Lauinger, Tom Leight Sr., Dennis Lind,  
Janet Mihalik, Teddy Miller, Shawn Moulzolf,  
Katie Oftedahl, Diane Redmann, Greg Sery,  
Bill Shutte, Martha Stwora, Elaine Thunstrom,  
Sandra Tabor, Lois Weyers, Germaine Wolsfeld,  
*and all those on our prayer chain*

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

### Coins for Social Justice This Weekend

*Small Change Can Do a World of Good!*

Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice. Marked envelopes are available at all entrances to the church. Thank you for your donations!

### “Socks for the Sole” Sock Drive This Weekend!

Collection boxes are located in the church narthex. If you forgot your donation and would like to drop it off next weekend, we will still accept it. All donated adult socks and hygiene items will be distributed to clients of Catholic Charities Opportunity Center and children’s socks will go to SACA, who provides supportive services for the poor and homeless in our community.



### Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!

**Question:** “Salve Regina” is another name for which prayer?

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*Answer: Hail Holy Queen*

## Discipleship

### Giving as God does

Ask yourself this question — what would you pray for if you really believed God could and would do anything for you? In my experience, we all have something. We all have that miracle we’re afraid to request, afraid we will be disappointed.

Do we doubt God’s readiness to give because we ourselves have such an imperfect understanding of charity and love? Maybe if we had better faith in God we would be more ready to give of ourselves — and maybe if we were more ready to give of ourselves, we would understand more clearly the ways of God.

Because we’re not really afraid that God can’t do something. We know He can do anything. What we’re afraid of is that He will do what He always does: give us what we need, not what we want.

Have you ever had a friend in need and you just wanted to give them something — a meal, a phone call, a text? Not because you knew it would help, but simply because you wanted to reach out. And have they ever said to you: It wasn’t so much what you gave, but the fact that you did. You gave them what they needed even if it wasn’t what they specifically asked for.

When we give in this manner, we are giving as God does. Sometimes we are afraid to ask because we don’t want to be disappointed. But remember, the blind man on the road got what he asked for, but he would have gotten what he needed even if his answer had been the opposite. God’s generosity is always reckless, and it’s always perfect.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPI

**All Souls Memorial Service**  
Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 pm  
*Reception to follow*

This beautiful Service of prayer, psalms, hymns and scripture readings will be dedicated to the memory of all our loved ones.

Those who died and were buried from our parish within the past year will be remembered by name, through prayer and the light of Christ. For those who have lost a loved one in the past year from other parishes, states, etc. or have not received an invitation by mail, please call to include your loved one in this beautiful service.

We have only the names of those who celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection at Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office as soon as possible with your name, address, the name of the deceased and date of death at 763-788-9062 to have them included. Names must be received by October 29. God bless each of you.

# Reflections

## Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** *I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?*

**Answer:** While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another’s faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person’s mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God’s grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another’s persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

“To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” These words of St. Augustine are timeless. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong. There is only one way to satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. When we seek God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, we will cry out, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!” We will instinctively know that it is only our Divine Master who can restore our sight and heal us. The blind man fell in love with Jesus, embarked upon this life-saving adventure to reach him and achieved a goal many have only remotely thought possible. This is mercy in action. No matter how far we stray or how blind we become God patiently waits to console us, guide us, and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him with all our heart.

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## Word of Life

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, October 24

8:00 am *Jacque Family*  
10:00 am *+David Lekson*  
11:30 am *IC Parish*

### Tuesday, October 26

7:30 am *Recovery of André Jacque*

### Wednesday, October 27

7:30 am *+Eddie Sardana*

### Thursday, October 28

8:30 am *+Art Harris*

### Friday, October 29

7:30 am *Health of Renée Jacque*

### Saturday, October 30

5:00 pm *+Russell & Joseph Murzyn*

### Sunday, October 31

8:00 am *+Slawko (Sid) Dupak*  
10:00 am *+Harold Delaria*  
11:30 am *IC Parish*

+Deceased

## Church Directory

**Emergency (Death/Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)**

### PARISH

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Jane Bona (School Principal)  
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Patrick McVary (Parish Trustee)*

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.

## Parish Support

### Received Through October 17

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 5,043.00
Plate.....	1,971.00
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<b>Total Collection</b> .....	\$ 11,889.50

*Thank you!*

## Gospel Meditation



### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

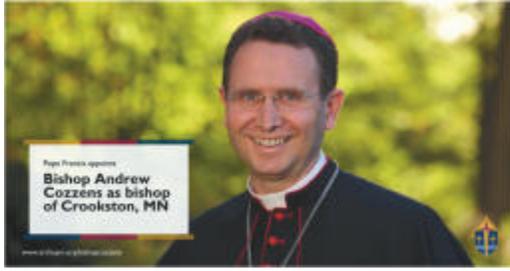
St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

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## Beyond Our Parish



### Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens

On October 18, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Andrew Cozzens as the bishop of Crookston, Minnesota.

Join in a Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Cozzens Sunday, November 28, 12:00 pm at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, with a reception following for people to greet him from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Bishop Cozzens installation as the eighth bishop of Crookston will take place on Monday, December 6, 1:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston.

“Take courage; get up,  
Jesus is calling you.”

(Mk 10:49, Lectionary for Mass)

## The Week Ahead

### October 24

Boy Scouts Troop 119 ..... 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### October 25

First Eucharist Classes ..... 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm  
1st Reconciliation Parents Meeting ..... 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

### October 26

Serra Club Mass/Meeting ..... 11:30 am - 2:00 pm  
Charismatic Prayer Group ..... 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### October 27

Men's Knight ..... 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Pre-Confirmation Bible Study ..... 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Confirmation I - Grade 9 ..... 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
First Eucharist Class ..... 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Parish Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### October 28

Synod Small Groups ..... 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
Synod Small Groups ..... 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

### October 29

First Eucharist Class ..... 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Wedding ..... 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### October 30

Baptism ..... 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Synod Small Groups ..... 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Archdiocesan Synod



### Join the Synod Groups

On September 30 we began our Synod small group gatherings with great success. We invite you to join us as we continue to meet to pray, listen and talk about the next topics. All gatherings are in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm and at 7:00 pm. The Spanish groups meet at 7:00 pm.

**Focus area #3—Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.**

**Session 5** – October 28 (English), October 30 (Spanish)

- Topic A: Parents as primary educators (birth – adult)
- Topic B: Helping the young encounter Jesus (birth – grade 6)

**Session 6** – November 4 (English), November 6 (Spanish)

- Topic A: Youth ministry (grades 6-12)
- Topic B: Young adult ministry (ages 18-35)

## Faith Formation

### Heggies Pizza on Sale Now!

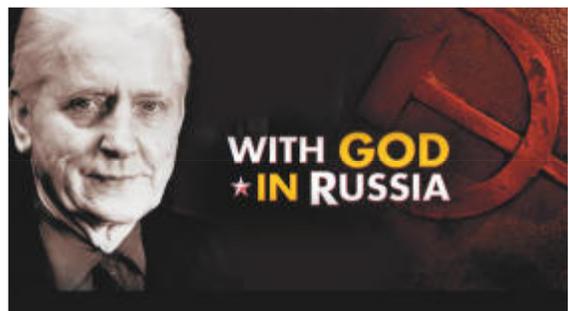
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Sale ends Wednesday, October 27 so buy now! Thank you in advance for your support of Faith Formation programs!

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



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### With God In Russia

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.

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