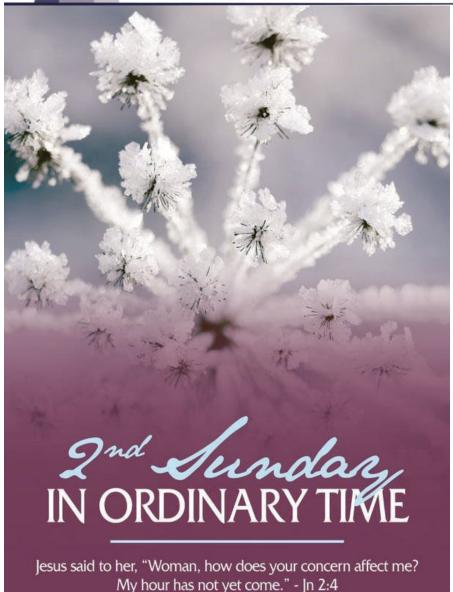


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Welcome to Immaculate Conception Church!

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### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Scripture Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH

St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
6:00 PMFinance Council Meeting (PCR) 7:00 PMPastoral Council Meeting (PCR)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19TH Weekday
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6 9:15 AMWord/Communion Service
6:45 PMFaith Form. Classes (1-6) (CH/SH/PCR)(7-10) Activity
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20TH St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 8:00 AM
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 4:30 PM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1- 4; 4:14-21 8:00 AM



### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

this week is for the Krall Family.

### From the desk of Fr. Tom:

I will be gone this week (Monday, January 17- Friday, January 21) on retreat at Mundelein Seminary. I will be back in time for masses next weekend.

Deacon Mike will have Word/Communion Services on Wednesday and Friday at the regular mass times. While it will be a time for retreat for me, I also plan to reconnect with seminary faculty, seminary classmates who are now priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago, and current seminarians that are still at Mundelein. Know of my prayers for you all while I am away.

I want to thank everyone who helped take down the Christmas decorations in the Church. Looks like it was an all day project on Monday, January 10th. Thank you for sharing your time.

We begin Ordinary Time in the Church this week.
As I have said before, there is nothing "ordinary"
about this time in the liturgical calendar.

Jesus continues to be present with us in the liturgy and Scriptures, most especially in the Sacraments and the Eucharist. At Christmas we celebrated the Incarnation, God becoming human. Consequently, we continue to have a God that is near to us in our daily life.

May we never lose sight of this mystery.

Have a blessed week! ∼ Fr. Tom

### SUNDAY - January 23rd, 2022 SUNDAY of the WORD of GOD

Pope Francis invites all to celebrate, study and share the Word of God. FREE leaflets, Bibles and Books are available on the table by the Social Hall for the taking!

Our Deepest Sympathy and Prayers

are extended to the friends & families of
Dirk Uetz, husband of Shelly Uetz, and
Kenny Holzer, brother of Ray Holzer,
who passed away recently.
God, grant them eternal peace.

(SH) Social Hall (PCR) Parish Conference Room

(CC) Columbus Club (CH) Church

# January 18th-25th, 2022

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity, to move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

The 2022 theme for **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** was developed by the Middle East Council of Churches based in Beirut, Lebanon, and it refers to Matthew 2:2 - "We saw the star in the east, and we came to worship him."

While many Western Christians celebrate Christmas, the more ancient feast, and still the principal feast of many Eastern Christians, is the Epiphany when God's salvation is revealed to the nations in Bethlehem and at the Jordan.

Like the Magi who braved the perils of a long and dangerous journey to find the Christ child, our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East face many hardships as they strive to live out their faith in Christ. Our prayer in solidarity with their suffering is a light of hope and communion.

"WE SAW THE STAR IN THE EAST, AND
WE CAME TO WORSHIP HIM."

CS MATTHEW 22

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

Learn more and download daily prayers! Google: 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

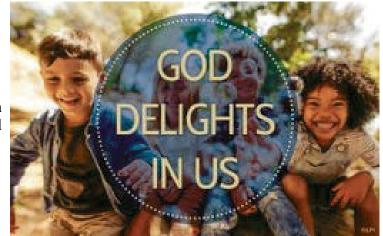
January 16th, 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the

superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

# EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

# STEWARDSHIP MAXIMIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

### Jan. 8th & 9th, 2022 462 in attendance

Budget Envelopes89\$	6,277.00
Christmas '21\$	550.00
Offertory\$	492.86
Mary Mother of God\$	59.00
Initial Offering\$	128.00
ACCW\$	123.00

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

# **Volunteers Needed:**

Wednesday mornings from 9 to Noon at the Messiah Food Pantry.

Call Debra Lincoln for details.

(641-257-1119)

### I.C. Parish Observance of January 22, 2022: in PRAYER

"Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" Rosary for Life: 1/2 hour before all liturgies next weekend.

### I.C. Parish Observance of January 22, 2022: in ACTION

"Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children"
Join the Social Justice Committee in promoting life of the
unborn, newborn, infants and their expectant and new
mothers and families by donating diapers for the
Hope for Life Pregnancy Center in Charles City.
Place size 3,4 & 5 diapers in the marked totes by February 1st!

# **CANCELLATION POLICIES:**

- When School is cancelled due to weather, Mass & all Parish events are cancelled.
  - When there is a <u>delay</u> due to weather, morning Mass & events are cancelled.
    - When there is an <u>early dismissal</u>, <u>evening</u> Mass & events are cancelled.

### A Prayer for Those Suffering

Lord, bring to mind those in our lives who are suffering, and help us to be faithful in prayer for and service to them.

Strengthen your servants, scattered around the world, to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Amen.

## **NON-PROFIT Part-Time Opportunity:**

Administrator for Non-Profit agency in the area. Applicant must have knowledge of QuickBooks, good office organization and communication skills. Individual also would be responsible for writing grants, raising funds and overseeing volunteers. Great opportunity in this part-time position, 20-25 hours per week! Please send resume to: Jordan River, Inc., c/o Job Resumes,102 N. Main St., Charles City, IA 50616



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 17th, 2022

Each year on the third Monday of January,
America honors the birth, life and dream
of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only
national holiday designated as a national
day of service to encourage all Americans to
volunteer to improve their communities.
It is a time to remember the injustices that
Dr. King fought. A time to remember his
fight for the freedom, equality and dignity of
all races and peoples through nonviolence.

# If we walk in HOPE, we have joy in our hearts. Let us be lights of HOPE.



Check out the Social Justice Bulletin Board by the water font

# to discover ways to bring HOPE to 2022. **LEARN MORE ABOUT:**

Jan. 16: National Religious Freedom Day Jan. 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Jan. 22: Celebration of Life Day

> Poverty Awareness Month National Blood Donor Month Stalking Awareness Month

# Celebration of Life Day

January 22nd honors the children and grandchildren who bring joy to our lives. The day is a reminder that each child and each life is to be held as a precious gift with the highest respect and dignity.

# Celebrate the children in your life in person, by phone, text or email!

Share time with a child, grandchild, niece, nephew. Read a book.

Bake cookies and decorate them.

Make popcorn and watch a movie.

Build something with your child.

Play a board game.

Put a puzzle together.

Get out the art supplies and create.

Visit a museum.

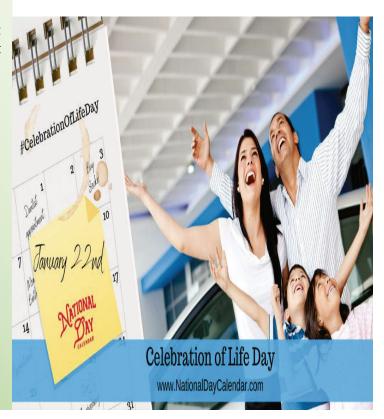
Show a teen how to change a tire.

Give a driving lesson.

Paint your fingernails together.

Sing karaoke.

Or.....any other creative gift of time!



# A Night for Courage

Courage is the attitude of facing and dealing with anything recognized as dangerous, difficult, or painful, instead of withdrawing from it.

Immaculate Conception Faith Formation is hosting an evening for students, families, and parishioners, to learn about God's will for the gift of sexuality in our lives; and the Church's teaching about the issues of same sex attraction and transgender identification.

Featuring: Carrie Jones, catechist and mom, will talk about the call to chastity, and share her story of having a child out of wedlock and making the brave and difficult decision to give her up for adoption.

Also Featuring: Fr. Jerry Kopacek, pastor of Holy Rosary Cluster in Elma and archdiocesan chaplain for Courage and EnCourage ministries, will speak about Catholic Church teaching on the issues of same-sex attraction and transgender or gender dysphoria. The Courage ministry provides support for those experiencing same-sex attraction and/or gender dysphoria and who want to live in accord with Church teaching. EnCourage provides support for parents or other family members or loved ones of these individuals.

# Please join us on Wednesday, January 19th, 2022, at 6:45 PM at Immaculate Conception Church

"... before all else comes the individual person, in his wholeness and dignity. And people should not be defined only by their sexual tendencies: let us not forget that God loves all his creatures and we are destined to receive his infinite love." Pope Francis, The Name of God is Mercy

St. Michaels Catholic Church in Nashua is hosting the following fundraiser: Homemade Chicken & Noodle Dinner on Sunday, January 23rd, 2022,

in St. Michaels Church Hall.
Serving from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.
The cost is \$10 per person and includes:
a dinner roll, drink and dessert.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022 5-11 PM at WRIGHTZ AUCTION CO.

Food, Silent Auction, Music as well as beer and wine tasting. See a Development Board member for tickets or stop at the IC School Office.

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#### **SAVE THE DATES**

IC Parish Mission 2022 March 27, 28 & 29th!

Join us at Immaculate Conception Church in Charles City! Watch the Bulletin for more details!



Beauty January 29, 2022 In Christ 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Invite your friends to the 2022
Virtual Archdiocesan Women's Conference,
Beauty in Christ: Holy Women of the Visitation,
Saturday, January 29th, from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m.
National speakers and writers Emily Jaminet and
Liz Kelly will lead the day! You'll experience all the
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including: Archbishop Jackels, music, prayer,
worship, good conversations, and prizes! To read
more about our speakers and to register, go to:

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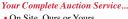
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