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APRIL 25, 2021 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Monday-Friday
8:15 AM
Saturday
8:00 AM

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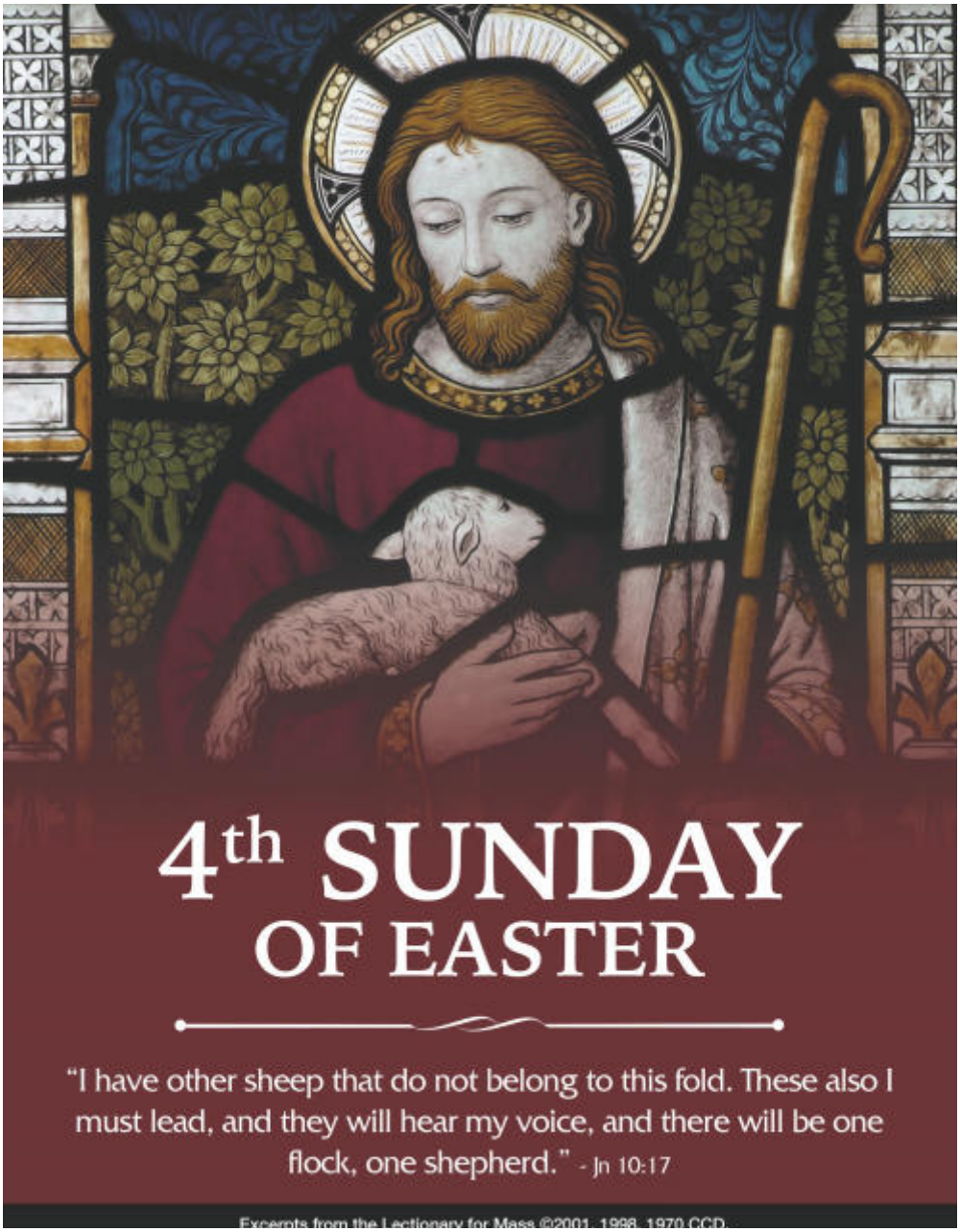
Saturday Vigil
5:00 PM
Sunday
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
12:00 PM (Español)

ADORATION
Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday
2:30 - 3:30 PM
Tuesday
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Thursday
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturday
11:00 - 11:30 AM
3:30 - 4:30 PM

OUR MISSION
We, the Catholic Community of Immaculate Conception Parish, celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacraments. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we witness our faith, share our gifts in loving service, and encourage people to build relationships with Jesus and with one another.



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Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish
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Saturday Vigil: 7:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am

St. Patrick, Mission
362 7th Street
Lyons, OR 97358

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday: 12:00 pm

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear parishioners,

It's World Day of Prayer for Vocations!

There are some kinds of questions which many, many people ask, such as, "What is my purpose in this life? What does God want me to do in the future? Who does God want me to be in the future? What vocation does God have for me, for my children, or for my grandchildren?"

In my experience, vocation, in a "religious sense," is more than a profession, job, or making money. In a "religious sense," a vocation is about who God wants us to be, not what God wants us to do, nor what we want to be. Parents should talk to their kids and help them discover what God wants them "to be." Do they want to be priests, nuns, monks, doctors, nurses, farmers, or teachers, etc.? Whoever we want to be, we are Jesus' disciples through Baptism. We are supposed to be his witnesses in the world.

There is no clear answer to these kinds of questions. A lot of prayers are needed to know God's will in our lives. Parents and grandparents, pray for your young children and grandchildren to find their vocations in this life. Everything should start with prayer. We don't force them to do what we want, but we guide, help, and nurture their vocation until they discover their true vocation.

What do you do when one of your children expresses his or her desire to pursue a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Don't panic or be worried, but pray for them and support them in any way you can to bring them closer to God. Do things like bringing them to Mass, encouraging them to participate in parish activities (altar servers, youth group, or adoration), praying the rosary together, or helping with catechesis programs, etc. Parents should discuss their children's desire to pursue a vocation with their Pastor or priests too. We need to work together to increase vocations to the priesthood or religious life in our local Catholic Church.

We also pray for those in care facilities and homebound. We welcome all visitors with us this weekend.

Fr. Luan Nguyen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you for supporting the mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church!

The Lord is Risen! As Christ's disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with electronic donations through WeShare. You can sign-up online by visiting www.immacstayton.org/give

"Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to." (Deuteronomy 15:10)

OUR FINANCES

April 18	$11,828
St. Catherine	$945
Month-To-Date	$50,507
April Offertory Goal	$47,128

"Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed."

1 JN 3:2

EVENING AT THE AUCTION 2021

Save the date! This year's Regis St. Mary Evening at the Auction has been postponed and rescheduled for Saturday, September 25.

Auction car raffle tickets are now on sale! You can purchase them online, through the raffle mailing (arriving in mail boxes soon) or by call the school office at 503.769.2159.

REGIS ST. MARY OPEN ENROLLMENT

Regis St. Mary Catholic School is now enrolling for the 2021 -2022 school year for new families. If you know of any families who might be interested in a Catholic education, please have them reach out to Steffanie Piccirilli at spiccirilli@regisstmary.org.

REGIS ST. MARY IS HIRING

Regis St. Mary Catholic School has a number of current positions open. Apply today!

https://www.regisstmary.org/employment-opportunities/

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Parents, we kindly request that you please accompany your children to the restroom during Holy Mass. It is part of our parish's responsibility in the archdiocesan Called to Protect program. Thank you for your cooperation!

ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider supporting the 2021 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. **Our parish goal is $46,793.39**. The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports the Archdiocese's ministries in western Oregon - including pastoral ministries and care for the priesthood. Pastoral ministries spread the word of Jesus to all people in every step of their spiritual journey. Our ministers actively bring the love of God into people's lives by providing supportive care to those who are sick or suffering, people with disabilities, people who are deaf, and those in prison. If you received a personalized commitment card in the mail, please mail it directly to the Archdiocese. Postage is paid on the pledge envelopes. Donations can also be made online at: https://osd.archdpdx.org/aboutaca. Thank you!

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for these children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion in May! May they feel God's unique love for them in a special way in this sacrament and may they always seek the Eucharist as the source and summit of their faith.

Jessica Aguilera Ochoa
Sofia Aguilera Ochoa
Lucas Bauer II
Charles Baunsgard
Ella Blish
Cassandra Camacho
Jesus Campos Ortega
Kimberly Campos Ortega
Melissa Ceballos
Jayden Chompa Reyes
Levi Classen
Gabriella Cortes Garza
Alejandro Cruz
Xavier Rosales Deleon
Owen Duman
Merlin Fajardo Sanchez
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Parker Lulay
Francis McSorley
Matthew Miotke
Gianni Pelayo
Yareli Pelayo
Noah Pomme'
Angel Topete Lopez
Hailey Weible
Aine Willis
Johanna Zuber

BECOME CATHOLIC

Have you ever had questions regarding what Catholics believe and why it is different from other faith traditions? Or are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or just want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Our RCIA program might be the right fit for you! We invite you to get in touch by calling the parish office. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions, regardless if you're Catholic or not!

FAMILY OF FAITH FOCUS

Reflect on this quote from Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus." What are some ways we can glorify God through our family's witness?

REFLECTING DEEPER

APRIL 25, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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THE PRAYER CHAIN

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Dolores Hendricks
Jeanette Kroon
John Martin

To make additions or updates to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 503.769.2656 or send an email to prayerchain@immacstayton.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 25

8:00 am: Laura Jean Lulay†

10:00 am: Joe & Mary Galati†

12:00 pm: Parishioners

Monday, April 26

8:15 am: Lamberto Martinez

Tuesday, April 27

8:15 am: Sr. Bernadette Quinter†

Wednesday, April 28

8:15 am: Debbi Schmitt†

Thursday, April 29

8:15 am: Tammy Allen†

Friday, April 30

8:15 pm: Matt Heuberger†

Saturday, May 1

8:00 am: Sondra Porter†

5:00 pm: Clement Lulay†

St. Catherine: 5:00 pm:

Evelyn VanAgtmael†

***Mass intentions are subject to change due to funerals & last-minute changes.*

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations is next Sunday, April 25. Immaculate Conception invites you to join us for a special Holy Hour for Vocations on **Sunday, April 25 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm** for an opportunity to adore our Lord and pray for an increase of vocations in our Archdiocese. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will prayed as usual during our Sunday Holy Hour.

HELP NEEDED

St. Catherine of Siena, Mill City, is looking for a musician and/or cantor to provide music at its parish twice per month during their Saturday Vigil (5 pm) Mass. Pay will be negotiated. Those interested are asked to call our parish office at 503.769.2656.

WE'RE HIRING

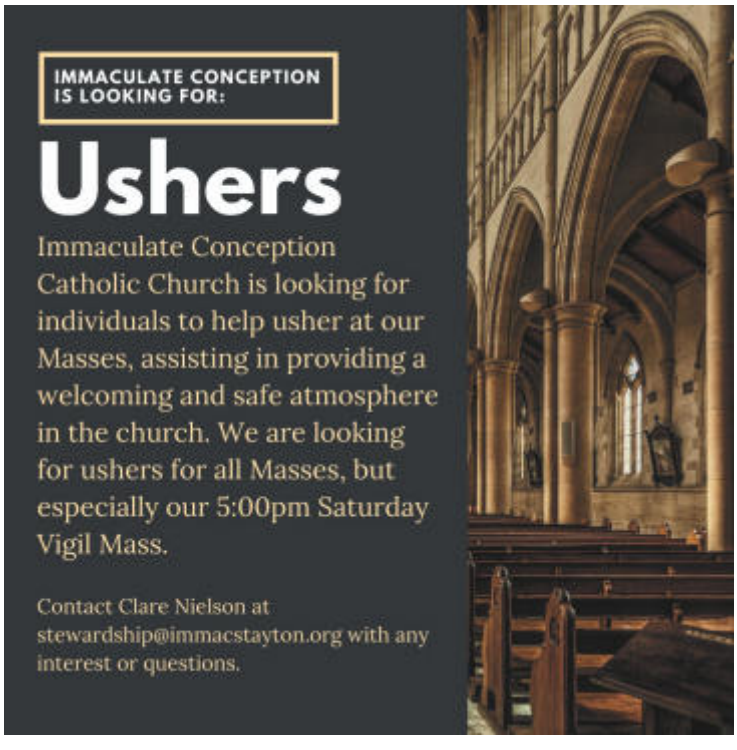
Immaculate Conception has begun its search for a qualified Director of Religious Education that will lead and organize religious education programs. Visit www.immacstayton.org/jobs for more information.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The Pastoral Council has one vacancy that needs to be filled. The Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in developing and renewing priorities for the parish's pastoral work, including ministries and various events. The person selected will serve a three-year term, renewable once, for a maximum of six years. We ask anyone interested in serving to pray about it and be prepared to submit your name on the paper in the pew or to the parish office sometime this week. We are not asking you to nominate other people but to submit YOUR name if you are interested. The Pastoral Council meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the parish center.

CHURCH CLEANINGS

Those wishing to participate in the weekly church cleanings can do so by signing up online at www.immacstayton.org or by in the parish vestibule. **Church cleanings occur on either a Friday or a Saturday at 9:15 am.**



CONFIRMATION FOOD DRIVE

The Confirmation students will be hosting a canned food drive to benefit our local Stayton Community Food Bank.

Donations can be dropped off at Immaculate Conception in the breezeway between the parish center and church building and will be accepted through May 16. The food bank requests that all items be nutritious, non-perishable items.

Frequently and most requested items include: peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, canned meat (chili, ravioli, beef stew), tuna, canned chicken, mac and cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, and cereal. Please make sure any donations are commercially packaged and within applicable expiration dates. Thank you!

NOVENA: ST. JOSEPH, THE WORKER

May 1 is the feast of St. Joseph, the Worker. In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph. We invite you to pray the following novena beginning on Friday, April 23 through Saturday, May 1.

Novena Prayer

St. Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all. Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

O good father St. Joseph! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask.

(Name your petition)

Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments that I may eternally sing the praises of

Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)

Taken from: https://www.carmelitefriars.org/novena-to-st-joseph-the-worker

SECOND COLLECTION

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

NOCTURNAL ADORATION

The Nocturnal Adoration Society welcomes new members. Membership requires one thing only: to spend one hour, once a month during the hours of the night, in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We meet for one hour shifts on the first Saturday of each month beginning at 10 pm. Interested in learning more? Contact stewardship@immacstayton.org or call 503.769.2656.

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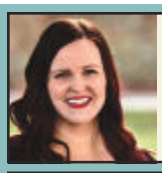

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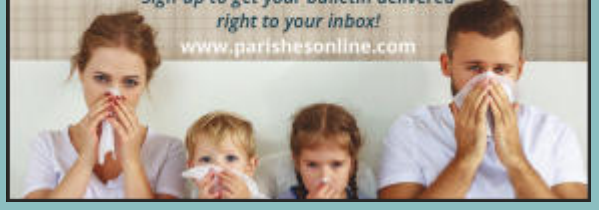
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