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*Inviting—Uniting—Igniting*

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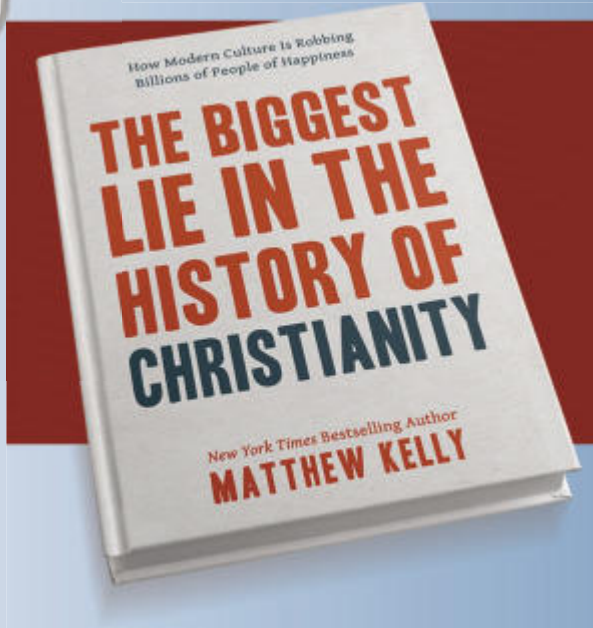
### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays - Consult the bulletin or phone the parish office



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create more  
holy moments  
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### Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION** - Are you guilty of spiritual stockpiling? Spiritual stockpiling isn't an endless rotation of rosaries and novenas. It's accumulating emotional "goods" to meet your needs. Perhaps it's a collection of material objects you treasure. Maybe it's a preoccupation

with money. It could also be relationships, making sure there's always enough friends and connections to never really feel alone. It's our tendency to let things add up so that we won't quite need God to fulfill our inner life. Yet in this Sunday's Gospel, we have that inescapable petition from the Our Father. "Give us each day our daily bread."

This life isn't an immediate arrival. And as much as we might try to shore up possessions and pleasures, we know the journey is unpredictable. Give us this day our daily bread implies enough for the next set of steps, but not enough to stockpile. So here's the big question: Do we trust God to give us what we need? After all, "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?... how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" At the Last Supper, Jesus said he would never leave us orphaned. God will not abandon us. And surely He wouldn't ask us to pray for what He does not intend to give.

Of course, sometimes our prayers for daily help can seem to go unanswered. Today's Gospel has advice for that, too. "I tell you... he will give up to him whatever he needs because of his persistence." Our spiritual stockpiling increases our self-reliance and decreases our openness to God's possibilities. Be persistent in your pursuit of God! Trust that He will keep His promises to provide for us, today and always. © LPi



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIRATE GAME OUTING** — Our annual family outing will be held on Sunday, August 4th, 2019. The Pittsburgh Pirates will be playing the New York Mets in a 1:35 PM game. That Sunday is a "Kids Day", which

features the Family Fun Zone on Federal Street from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Children 14 years old and younger will also receive a voucher for a free 8 oz. ice cream. All altar servers are invited to attend as guests of the Knights at no charge. All other family members and parishioners may purchase tickets on a first come basis for \$40, which includes \$10 loaded value at the ball park. The Knights will be providing a hot dog picnic, and beverages. Others are welcome to bring salads, desserts or other snacks. You may sign up by calling Rick Tote at 814-764-5050, during the day, or call or text 814-229-2018. If you wish to sit with others as a group, please arrange to make payment and pick up all tickets for the group at the same time. Thank You!

**REMEMBER** — Return your RSVP form for the parish picnic to the parish office or in the collection basket by Sunday, August 11th.



**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Welcome Visitors and Guests!** You noticed that there was no homily at today's Mass. We observed a time of silence, reflecting on the Scriptures and on **Holy Moments** we created during the past week. I instructed the assembly to place their "moments" on the Altar during the presentation and preparation of the gifts, so that, along with our gifts of bread and wine, our tithes and offerings, we are offering our **Holy Moments** during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The concept of creating **Holy Moments** is described in Matthew Kelly's book *THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY*. Copies are available on the lobby bookrack or by visiting [www.DynamicCatholic.com](http://www.DynamicCatholic.com).



**AUGUST COMMUNION CALLS** – Father Monty and Eucharistic ministers will bring Holy Communion to parish shut-ins on Friday, August 2. If a member of your family is unable to get to Sunday Mass and would like a visit, call the parish office.

**SUMMERTIME COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** – A Clarion County-wide penance service will be held at Immaculate Conception Church on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Father Andrew Torma, MSC, will be our guest preacher. Area priests will be available for the sacrament of penance and reconciliation that evening.



**RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. Weekly sessions begin on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 9:30 to 10:45 am.

For information please contact Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com) or 814-226-5864.

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**Immaculate Conception Director  
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Immaculate Conception Parish, a Catholic parish of 600+ families located in Clarion, PA, is seeking a dynamic Director to enhance Music and Liturgy by forming the assembly, cantors and choir in multiple music styles and prayerful worship. Available instruments are a Yamaha baby grand piano and Protégé by Allen organ. A complete job description is available at [www.icclarion.org](http://www.icclarion.org). This is a full-time position with teaching responsibilities at our PreK through 6th grade parish school. Must be able to secure all necessary clearances. Competitive compensation package. Interested candidates should e-mail a resume and letter of interest addressed to the Music & Liturgy Task Force to [KimKroh@comcast.net](mailto:KimKroh@comcast.net) by July 31, 2019.



**FROM THE PARISH  
WISH LIST** — Immaculate

Conception is looking for families to join our Baptism Formation Ministry. Families meet twice a year with first time parents to discuss what it means to be a Catholic family and offer support to new parents.

Interested families must be in a valid Catholic marriage and actively participate in parish life including attendance at Sunday and Holy Day liturgies.

For more information, contact Linda Summerville at [linda.summerville62@gmail.com](mailto:linda.summerville62@gmail.com) or by telephone at 814-226-5864.

**ALF CRAFT SHOW VENDORS** - The Immaculate Conception PTO is accepting vendors for the 2019 Autumn Leaf Festival Craft Show. Inside and outside spaces are available. Cost is \$100 per space, which includes a parking pass. For more information, contact Amanda Lewis at [amcale8@yahoo.com](mailto:amcale8@yahoo.com) or Sara Seidle-Patton at [sjseidle@seidlelaw.com](mailto:sjseidle@seidlelaw.com). Proceeds from the sale of vendor spaces benefit the Immaculate Conception School.



**CATHOLIC QUOTES** — "The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul I try to make use of the present moment." — St. Faustina

**FARMERS' MARKET VOUCHERS** — The Clarion Area Agency on Aging has a limited number of Farmers' Market Vouchers available. Vouchers will be distributed to senior citizens of Clarion County who are at least 60 years old and meet the eligibility requirements and have not previously received their vouchers. Vouchers will be available starting July 23, 2019, every Tuesday from 9 am to 12 pm and Thursday from 1 pm to 3 pm until September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Aging Office located at 16 Venture Lane, Clarion.

Senior citizens who are unable to pick up their own vouchers must fill out a preprinted proxy form to send with their proxy. There are no exceptions. These forms are available at the Area Agency on Aging. For more information or questions, please contact the Aging Office at 814 226-4640.



**Monday, July 29 - Saint Martha**

8:30 am Tom Ragley (Family)

**Tuesday, July 30 - Saint Peter Chrysologus**

8:30 am Donald Schmader (Family Friends)

**Wednesday, July 31 - Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

5:30 pm Jack Doran (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

**Thursday, August 1 - Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

8:30 am Mary Selker (Steve and Betty)

**Friday, August 2 - Saint Eusebius of Vercelli and  
Saint Peter Julian Eymard**

*Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
9:00 am till 5:30 pm. Benediction at 5:30 pm.*

8:30 am Ed Ganoë (Michael Wilson and Family)

**Saturday, August 3**

4:00 pm Bessie Hartle (Hartle Family)

**Sunday, August 4 - Eighteenth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

8:30 am For the People

8:30 am RADIO MASS — Martha Kerle  
(John and Kate Kerle)

11:00 am Tom Smail (Carol and Steve Smail)

**Readings for the week of July 28, 2019**

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,  
23 [1a]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,  
12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]  
/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a,  
11 [2]/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,  
10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,  
14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



**LOTTERY CALENDARS** — The 2020 Immaculate Conception PTO Lottery Calendars will be available soon. If you would like to request certain numbers, please contact Stella

Miller by phone at (814) 226-7935 or by email at [tootsey58@yahoo.com](mailto:tootsey58@yahoo.com) by August 3, 2019.



**MONEY  
COUNTERS  
Monday, July 29  
Team 4**

<i>Thank You!</i>	July 20 - 21
Envelopes	\$ 6,376.00
Loose	1,411.00
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