



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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720 Liberty Street
Clarion, Pennsylvania 16214

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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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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad.” - Lk 16:25

**THE 69TH ANNUAL AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL –
Autumn Adventures** — Please support our parish’s booths, stands and activities this week!

- ◆ Immaculate Conception School PTO “Pie and Bake Sale” – today until sold out;
- ◆ Knights of Columbus – Council 7549 “Hot Sausage Stand” – all week;
- ◆ Knights of Columbus – Council 7549 “Kettle Corn Stand” – various times;
- ◆ Immaculate Conception PTO’s “Annual Crafter’s Day Fair” and Concession Stand – Parish Center/Cafeteria – Friday, September 30;
- ◆ Immaculate Conception PTO will be parking cars in all three parking lots on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, October 1;
- ◆ **The parish office is closed on Friday, September 30;**
- ◆ **The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is canceled next Saturday—Parade Day—October 1.**



CALLING ALL KNIGHTS!
Your help is needed for us to continue to support our church, school, community and faith! Shifts are still available during ALF September 24 thru October 1. Call or text Andy at

814-221-2683 or Vince at 814-227-7665 for details.
Thanks to everyone who makes our biggest fundraiser of the year a great success!

PTO LOTTERY CALENDARS ARE NOW ON SALE — The 2023 Lottery Calendars may be purchased at the IC School Front Office, from any IC School Family, or at the Parish Office. For more info, please call 814-226-8433 Ext. 104. The cost is just \$20 for a chance to win every day!



BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
Starting at 8:00 AM

IC SCHOOL USED CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE — Books build confidence and increase vocabulary. Give a book to a child and inspire imagination, creativity and a love of reading.

On Sunday, Sept. 25th, Immaculate Conception Parish School will host a used children's book sale. All proceeds directly benefit the children in grades preschool through 6th grade. Please stop by and purchase a book for a loved one or simply make a donation. No gift is too small. Immaculate Conception Parish School inspires students to be all that they can be and more. Help continue that tradition by showing your support.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – With the annual diocesan end of the (fiscal) year report for Immaculate Conception Parish and School completed, I want to review how our parish is working to meet the needs of the poor in our area:

- The Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25, 2021 served over 600 carryout holiday meals to local residents.
- In lieu of the Advent Angel Tree in 2021, unsolicited donations from parishioners totaling about \$1200.00 were equally divided between the student assistance programs at Clarion-Limestone and Clarion Area school districts.
- On Ash Wednesday 2022, you contributed \$2288.00 for local needs. The parish Finance Council designated these funds be donated to three local non-profits: Liberty Towers Inc. of Clarion, Clarview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Highland Oaks at Water Run.
- Community Action Agency, Inc. received \$600.00 from the Souper Bowl of Caring collection in February 2022 in addition to the hundreds of dollars of food and sundries donated by Immaculate Conception parishioners and school students during the year.
- Pancakes for a Purpose raised \$2100.00 for Clarion Area, Clarion Limestone and Keystone school districts’ backpack weekend food assistance programs (\$700.00 each).
- Our parish provides an ongoing \$200.00 a month “open assistance fund”, provided on a first come, first served basis to needy Clarion County residents.

Remember, we are the largest Christian church in Clarion County. That brings a responsibility that ought to humble us. We don’t give winter coats to kids, a check to a utility company to cover a delinquent payment, or a gas card or food voucher to someone who needs assistance because they are Catholic. We do it because we are Catholic, called by Jesus Christ to respond to the needs of those who have nothing to give in return (Luke 14:12). When you live like that—when you *give* like that—you live the Gospel and your reward will be Eternal Life.

SOCIAL MEDIA SPECIALIST NEEDED — The Immaculate Conception parish office is in need of a social media administrator who can maintain the parish Facebook page as well as implement and maintain a parish Twitter account and/or other social media platforms.

If this is something that interests you, please contact the parish office at 814-226-8433 to speak with Father Monty or leave a message with Amy.



HOUSE OF SAINT THERESE — New members were welcomed into the House of St. Therese at an induction ceremony at Immaculate Conception Parish School on August 26. Please join our school families as we honor and celebrate Saint Therese during the week of September 26th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PTO
STILL SEEKING VENDORS FOR
ALF 2022
SEPTEMBER 30TH

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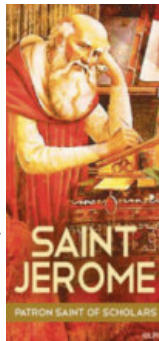
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CATHOLIC Q & A —

Question: Who is St. Jerome and why is he so significant that we honored him with a feast on September 30?

Answer: St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.



Much of Jerome’s correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus’ (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

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**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK
FOR FAITH SHARING**

The Rich and the Poor

There was a rich man and at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table.

(Luke 16:19-21)

Adults: What are the “rewards” of caring for the needs of the poor?

Kids: What is one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

MASS Intentions

Monday, September 26 - Saints Cosmas and Damian
—— NO MASS ——

Tuesday, September 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul
8:30 a.m. Ray and Dora Schrecengost
(Cathy Schrecengost)

**Wednesday, September 28 - Saint Wenceslaus
Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions**
—— NO MASS ——

**Thursday, September 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael—the Archangels**
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Irene Baker Family

Friday, September 30 - Saint Jerome
—— NO MASS ——

Saturday, October 1 - Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus
4:00 p.m. William (Bill) Weaver

**Sunday, October 2 - The Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time,
Respect Life Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Anne Noreen (Gessin) Cherico
8:30 a.m. RADIO MASS - Keith Martin
11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8
/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a
/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10,
13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

**HAVE A GREAT
AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL
WEEK**



**Money Counters
Monday, Sept. 26
Team 4**

Offertory	Sept. 17 - 18
Envelopes	\$ 6,471.00
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