



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Inviting ~ Uniting ~ Igniting

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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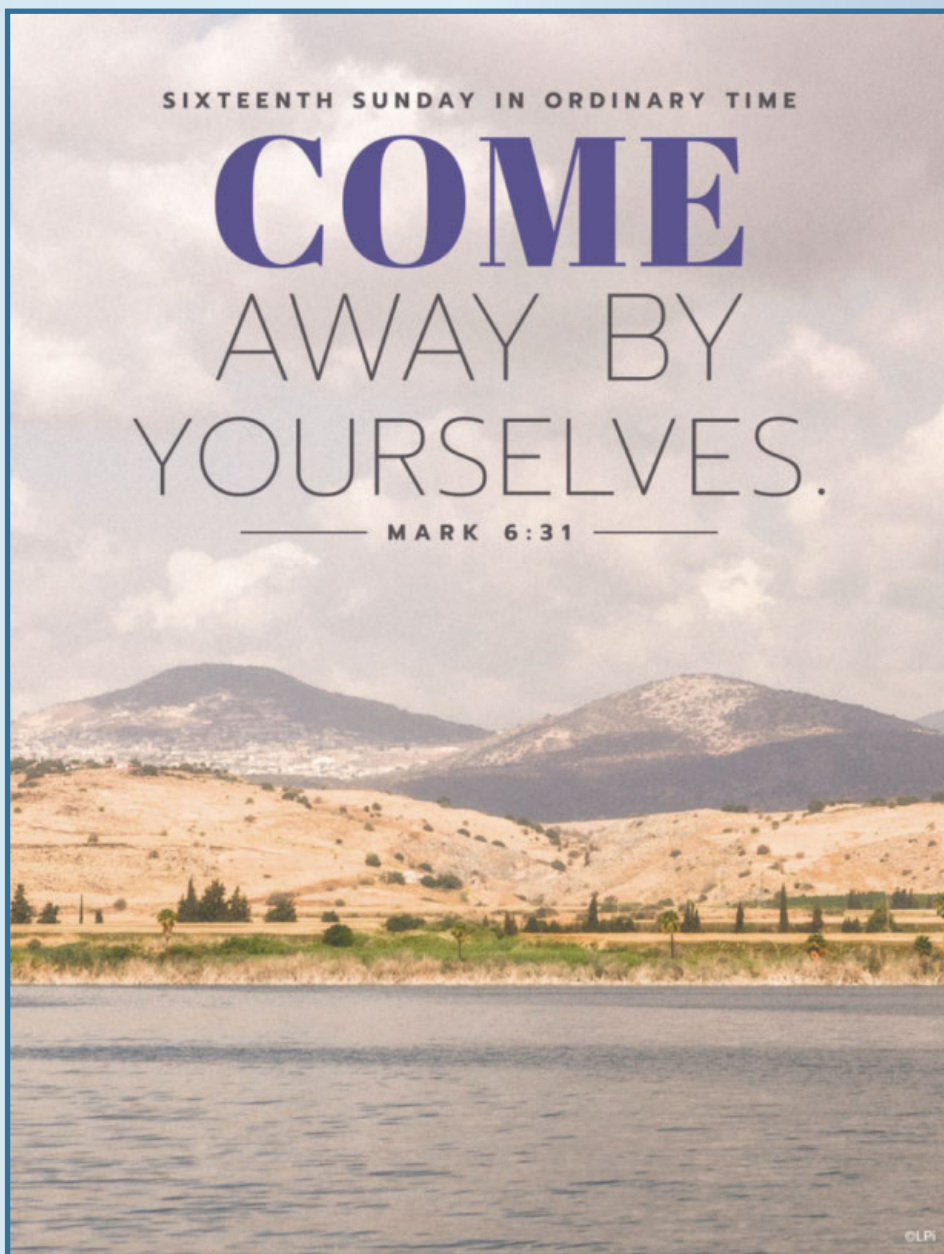
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Parish Membership

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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP – The following is a statement issued by The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, bishop of Erie, regarding the shooting in Butler, Pa., on July 13

“Our hearts are saddened and we offer prayers for all who were affected by the shooting at a political rally in Butler on July 13. Although some are already using the moment to stir up anger and distrust, I urge people, instead, to search for unity and peace. This is no small event for our country. While we all cherish American ideals, the challenge is in living them out. Respect must permeate every aspect of our lives. We have the responsibility to ask ourselves, “In what small ways can I promote a more tolerant, thoughtful approach to others?” Healing our nation starts within ourselves, our families, our neighborhoods and our communities. May God bless us as we seek his guidance.”

Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic
Sunday, August 4, 2024
Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Held on the school and parish grounds
All activities are outside
(Dining tables will be under tents)

Lunch catered by Mauthe’s Country Store
Three 50/50 drawings!
Kettle Corn Dunk Tank
Bounce Houses Candy Wheel
Corn Hole Tournament
Face Painting Raffles
Music by Mitch Littler

Fun for the Whole Family

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
SAINTLY SOJOURN
OCTOBER 15-17, 2024

Please check the parish website for sites to be visited.

Trip includes:

- ❖ Meals - 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners, 2 Breakfasts plus gratuities
- ❖ Hotel for two nights
- ❖ Faith - a chance to grow your lifelong faith formation!
- ❖ Snacks
- ❖ FUN!

Cost: \$600 per person based on double occupancy.

Single rooms available for \$767.

Please make reservations early. Final payment due by August 15, 2024. No refunds or cancellations within 60 days of trip unless with replacement.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 221-0241 or kkroh@live.com

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Next Sunday is the first of five weeks during the “dog days” of summer that we hear a single chapter proclaimed from the Gospel of John — chapter 6 — or the *Bread of Life Discourse*. By reading John 6 you will enrich your participation in the Sunday Eucharist. I have broken it down below, week by week, with the passage read at the Sunday Mass and a question for reflection and discussion.

	Read	Reflect/Discuss
Week 1 17th Sunday July 28	John 6:1-14	When has God stretched your limited resources — physical, emotional, spiritual — far beyond what you could have imagined? In what way do you need to trust him to do so now?
Week 2 18th Sunday August 4	John 6:24-35	What do you think Jesus means by saying that believing in him is doing God’s work? Does believing mean assenting mentally to a theological position, or might it refer to something more active? If the latter, what?
Week 3 19th Sunday August 11	John 6:41-51	What is the main reason <i>you</i> follow Jesus?
Week 4 20th Sunday August 18	John 6:51-58	How often do you go to Communion? What is your experience of God’s life when you do? According to Jesus’ promise in this passage, when does eternal life begin if you eat his flesh?
Week 5 21st Sunday August 25	John 6:60-69	What are some of Jesus’ “hard sayings” in the Gospels about living with God? How do they apply to you? Have you ever tried to get God to change his mind? What was the result?



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2024

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - “Do not cast me off in my old age” (Ps 71:9) Pope Francis has established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July. This date was chosen because it is close to the feast day of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. In 2024, the fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is Sunday, July 28.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SCHOOL is accepting applications for a full-time elementary teaching position. Bachelor's Degree in elementary or early childhood education required. Candidates must have current clearances. The complete list of required documents can be found at

<https://www.eriercd.org/schools/teachingforms.html>

Please send cover letter, resume, teaching certificate, three references and required clearances to:

Ms. Lori Cratty, Principal
 Immaculate Conception Parish School
 729 Main Street, Clarion, PA 16214
 Or email lcratty@clarionichawks.net
 Phone: 814-226-8433 ext. 104

CATHOLIC IQ QUIZ FOR KIDS — The Body & Blood Answers at bottom of next column.

- When the priest says, "The _____ of Christ," we respond "Amen." a) prayers b) Body c) mother d) faith
- The _____ is the Body and Blood of Christ. a) Eucharist b) tabernacle c) sacred chrism d) altar
- When properly prepared for it, children can receive their First Communion at or about _____ years old, the age or reason. a) 12 b) 18 c) 7 d) 21
- If you only receive the consecrated host and not the Blood of Christ, you only receive half of Jesus. True | False
- When we receive Communion at Mass, we consume it _____. a) after church b) when we get home c) before going to Mass the next Sunday d) right away
- Jesus took bread, blessed it, _____, and gave it to the disciples (See Mark 5:39-40). a) kissed it b) broke it c) baked it d) unleavened it
- Once they have received their First Communion, Catholics can receive Communion _____. a) daily for the rest of their lives b) once more before they die c) 10 times a day d) if they never sin again
- The Last Supper happened on _____. a) Good Friday b) Pentecost c) Holy Thursday d) Easter
- Catholics are expected to attend Mass every Sunday. True | False
- A _____ is the special cup the priest uses at the altar to hold the Blood of Christ. a) chalice b) polar pop c) goblet d) dixie cup

Offertory	July 13 - 14
Envelopes	\$ 7,380.00
Loose	632.00
Monthly	1,604.00
Online Giving	127.01
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Votive	64.75
TOTAL	\$ 12,548.76

Money Counters Monday, July 22 Team 3

MASS Intentions

Monday, July 22 thru Friday, July 26

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Saturday, July 27

4:00 p.m. Scott Sayers (Father Monty)

Sunday, July 28 – Seventeenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Robert Selker (Steve and Teresa Selker)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Ken Mechling (Virginia Martin)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 /Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 /Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11 /Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

PLACE GOING SHEPHERD
 APOSTLES BOAT PEOPLE
 ALONE CROWD TEACHING

F T G E R T H A O S P
 E A L O N E L R T U E
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Answers to Kids Quiz — 1 (b) 2 (a) 3 (c) 4 (False) 5 (d) 6 (b) 7 (a) 8 (c) 9 (True) 10 (a)

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