



# 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

### Church & School 814-226-8433

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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.

## 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)

FOOD Catered by Mauthe's Country Store

**Bounce Houses**

**Candy Wheel**

**Face Painting**

**Cornhole**

**Kettle Corn**

**Tournament**

**50/50's**

**Dunk Tank**

**Raffles**

**Music provided by Mitch Littler**

**Bring the whole family and come on out!**

Sign-up sheets in the lobby of the church  
for volunteers, Cornhole Tournament Players  
and Dunk Tank participants  
(must be willing to get wet)

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi  
Take More

It doesn't matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, "Coraggio — take more." (She's Italian, in case you couldn't tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, he does not produce just enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within his power. And he shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for him to do that. But instead, he deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

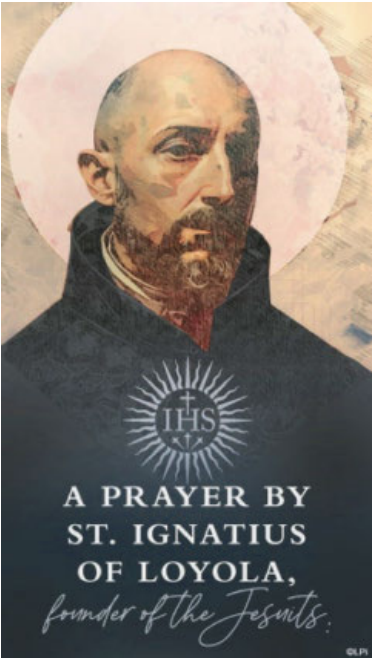
I think it's for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It's a gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some left over — is a sign that you don't care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are ready to give recklessly. You are ready to give them not just all they need but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of oft-repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

*Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy. Hope you haven't run out.*

He hasn't yet. He never will. "Coraggio," he whispers deep in my heart, "take more."

*"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'"* — John 6:14



TEACH US,  
GOOD LORD,  
TO SERVE YOU AS YOU  
DESERVE;  
TO GIVE, AND NOT TO  
COUNT THE COST,  
TO FIGHT AND NOT TO  
HEED THE WOUNDS,  
TO TOIL, AND NOT TO  
SEEK FOR REST,  
TO LABOR, AND NOT TO  
ASK FOR REWARD,  
EXCEPT THAT OF  
KNOWING THAT WE ARE  
DOING YOUR WILL.  
AMEN.

July 31 is the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola who passed away on this day in the year 1556.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE -  
is scheduled for the following dates in August:  
Saturday, August 10 – 3:00 p.m.  
Thursday, August 14 –  
Following the 8:30 holy day Mass  
Saturday, August 24 – 3:00 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
SAINTLY SOJOURN  
OCTOBER 15-17, 2024

The reservation deadline of August 15th  
is fast approaching.

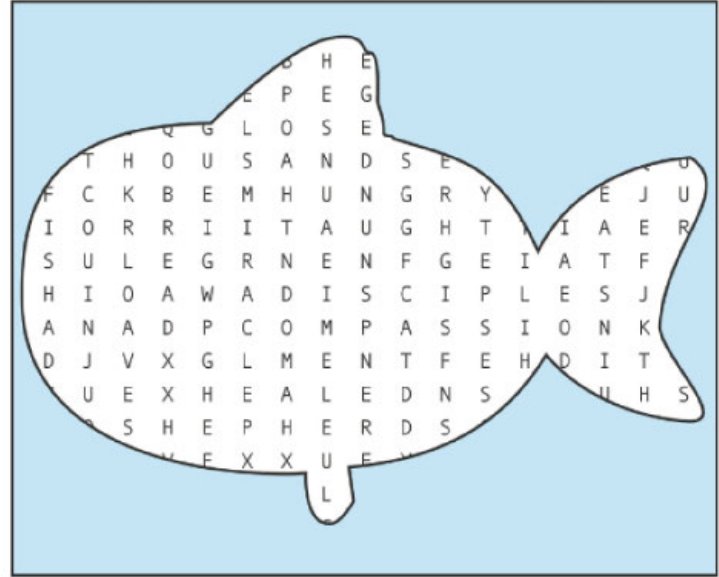
There are 5 hotel rooms still available if anyone  
is interested in going.

Please check the parish website for sites to be visited.  
Trip includes:

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Cost: \$600 per person based on double occupancy.  
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For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Kim at (814) 221-0241 or [kkroh@live.com](mailto:kkroh@live.com)

JESUS FED THE PEOPLE WORD SEARCH — Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



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|------------|--------|-----------|
| BREAD      | FISH   | MIRACLE   |
| COMPASSION | HEALED | SHEPHERD  |
| DISCIPLES  | HUNGRY | TAUGHT    |
| EAT        | LOAVES | THOUSANDS |



**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:



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**TEAMS ARE NEEDED** for the Corn Hole Challenge at the Parish Picnic. Don't let the Frederick Boys scare you off. There are big prizes for first and second place! Sign up today in the lobby of the church or plan to stop by the sign-up table at the picnic. No cost to play — you have nothing to lose.

### QUESTIONS of the WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

#### *Gifts of Hope*

When [the people] were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. (John 6:12-13)

**Adults:** When has the generous gift of another offered you hope?

**Kids:** What loving gift could you give to another person this week?

## MASS Intentions

### Monday, July 29 thru Friday, August 2

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

### Saturday, August 3

4:00 p.m. Tom Smail (Carol Smail)

### Sunday, August 4 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** –  
Florence and William Brochetti  
(Diane and Peter Nachtwey)

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the  
Nick and Fesenmyer Families  
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### Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

**Monday:** Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21  
/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18  
/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab  
/Mt 13:47-53

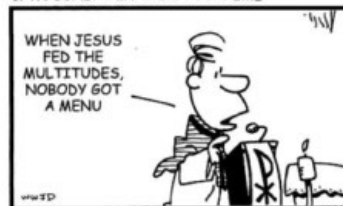
**Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34  
/Mt 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25,  
54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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