



# *The Spotlight*

**Immaculate Conception Church**

Ira Township, Michigan

July 18, 2021

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Enter for Worship, Depart for Service*



**PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST**



**Today,  
Sunday, June 18th  
8am until noon**

**Come Rest A While**

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**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*He said to them, "Come away  
by yourselves to a deserted place  
and rest a while."*

Mk 6:31b

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# Mass Times & Information

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
 9764 Dixie Highway, Ira Township, MI 48023  
 Phone: 586-725-3051 Fax: 586-725-8240

**CHURCH BUILDING IS OPEN**

**Monday - Saturday** 7am - 7pm  
**Sunday** 7am - 1:30pm

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday** 4:30pm  
**Sunday** 8am | 10am | 12pm  
**Monday** 8:30am  
**Tuesday** 6:30pm  
**Wednesday** 8:30am  
**Thursday** 8:30am  
**Friday** 8:30am

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday** 9am to 12pm  
**Tuesday** 9am to 12pm  
**Thursday** 9am to 4pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Thursday** 9:15am  
**Saturday** 3:30pm

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK / HOMEBOUND**

Call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery or if you would like Holy Communion brought to your home.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are available in the parish office or you may register online at [iccatholic.org](http://iccatholic.org).

**PARISH DATABASE**

Immaculate Conception invites you to create your own member account. You may contact the parish office with your e-mail address and we will send you a link to join our **Breeze** system where you may update your personal information and start or adjust online giving. ([ic.breezechms.com](http://ic.breezechms.com))

**ONLINE OR TEXT TO GIVE**

For your convenience we offer Online Giving. You may contribute using a checking or savings account, credit, or debit card, and you may update or cancel at any time. You may make a one-time donation or set up a repeating schedule. We also offer Text-to-Give — just text your donation amount to **586-435-0011**. To give online just visit [iccatholic.org/e-giving](http://iccatholic.org/e-giving), call the parish office, 586-725-3051, if you need help.

## THIS WEEK AT IC

**MON  
19**

8:30am.....Mass  
 9:15am.....Loving Hands  
 7:00pm.....Mass of Reparation

€x 14:5-18/€x 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/(Dt 12:38-42

**TUES  
20**

6:30pm.....Mass  
 7:15pm.....Families of Parishes Info Mtg  
 7:15pm.....Intercessory Prayer Group  
 7:15-9:00pm.....Eucharistic Adoration

€x 14:21-15:1/€x 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/(Dt 12:46-50

**WED  
21**

8:30am.....Mass  
 6:30pm.....Youth Group Summer Social

€x 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/(Dt 13:1-9

**THUR  
22**

8:30am.....Mass  
 9:15am.....Confessions  
 9:30am.....Divine Mercy  
 6:30pm.....Divine Mercy  
 7:00pm.....K of C 4th Degree  
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

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

**FRI  
23**

8:30am.....Mass  
 9:30-12:00pm.....Eucharistic Adoration

€x 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/(Dt 13:18-23

**SAT  
24**

3:30pm.....Confessions  
 4:30pm.....Mass

€x 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/(Dt 13:24-30

**SUN  
25**

8:00am.....Mass  
 10:00am.....Mass  
 12:00pm.....Mass

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15





## Fr. Joe's Jottings

Our one-day parish festival was held yesterday, Saturday July 17, and I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success—especially our festival leadership and planning committee, parish staff, festival workers and volunteers, and all who attended or in any way supported this event.

Immaculate Conception is vibrant and strong as a parish because of the involvement and support of its members—which means that *all of you* do make a difference. Thank you!

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Our monthly **Mass of Reparation** will be held tomorrow evening, Monday July 19, at 7pm. This Mass always includes a Eucharistic healing service (which has resulted in some healings of a spiritual, emotional, and even physical nature), and is also followed by a blessing of water, salt, oil, and religious items.

You are welcome to join us as we pray for the moral and spiritual renewal of our country.

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**This Tuesday, July 20, there will be a special information meeting on our new Families of Parishes reconfiguration. It will occur at 7:15pm in the parish hall (following the 6:30pm Mass), and will provide an overview on such questions as:**

*Does Immaculate Conception no longer have a parish council?*

*What are the responsibilities of the new Mission Support Director?*

*How will our parish finances here at I.C. be affected by Families of Parishes?*

*Which parish commissions, committees, and other continue to function—and which ones, if any, will be combined with those of the other parishes in our Family?*

*What is meant by Discipleship, Engagement, Evangelical Charity, Family Ministries, and Worship (the five Mission Direct areas)?*

These and other related issues will be discussed this Tuesday as an orientation or preparation for the final Family gathering (to be held on Tuesday August 3)—and any interested parishioner is welcome to attend.

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So far there have been two Family gatherings involving leaders and parishioners from all four parishes in our Family (St. Mary Queen of Creation in New Baltimore, St. Mary in St. Clair, Our Lady on the River in Marine City, and I.C.); these events (on the themes of Encounter and Grow) were held virtually, but the final meeting—which will take place here at I.C.—will be an in-person event.

On Tuesday August 3 we will welcome parishioners from the other Family parishes to the 6:30pm Mass, and afterwards focus on the theme of Witness. This gathering will be held in the parish hall and also (weather-permitting) on our parish grounds; it will allow parishioners from the four parishes to get to know one another, and will include food, fellowship, and prayer.

Please mark your calendars and plan on coming to this important event in the life of our parish.

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Someone once wrote the following anonymous reflection on the Our Father:

“I cannot say *Our* if I live only for myself.

I cannot say *Father* if I do not endeavor each day to act like His child.

I cannot say *Who art in Heaven* if I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say *hallowed be Thy Name* if I am not striving for holiness.

I cannot say *Thy Kingdom come* if I am not doing all in my power to hasten that wonderful event.

I cannot say *Thy Will be done* if I am disobedient to His Word.

I cannot say *on earth as it is in Heaven* if I'll not serve Him here and now.

I cannot say *give us this day our daily bread* if I am dishonest or seeking things by subterfuge.

I cannot say *forgive us our trespasses* if I harbor a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say *lead us not into temptation* if I deliberately place myself in its path.

I cannot say *deliver us from evil* if I do not put on the whole armor of God.

I cannot acknowledge His *Kingdom* if I do not give the King the loyalty due Him from a faithful subject.

I cannot attribute to Him *the power* if I fear what other people may say or do.

I cannot ascribe to Him *the glory* if I'm seeking honor only for myself, and I cannot say *are Yours* if I'm not fulfilling my religious duties, and I cannot say *forever* if the horizon of my life is bounded completely by time.”

In all the moments and events of life, we must remember that God truly is our Father—and then live accordingly.

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### Various church signs:

—Too hot to keep changing sign. Sin bad. Jesus good.

Details inside.

—Sin burn is prevented by Son screen.

—Church is air-conditioned. Avoid the heat now and later.

—Exercise daily. Walk with Jesus!

—In a world in which you can be anything, be kind.

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Little Tommy's new baby brother wouldn't stop crying and screaming, and the boy asked his mother, "Where did we get him?" When the mother responded, "He came from Heaven, dear," Tommy exclaimed, "I can see why they threw him out!"

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### Thought for the Day:

What must be done is best done cheerfully.

--Laura Ingalls Wilder

## Faith Formation

### Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

#### The Ground You Stand On

Do you remember the story of the burning bush? Moses was shepherding his father-in-laws sheep and saw a burning bush on Mount Horeb. When Moses was approaching the burning bush, the voice of God called out to him. God said, "I am asking you to step onto holy ground and listen to Me!"

We don't need a miraculous bush to remind us to listen to God. What we need is to leave behind the cares of this world, just for a little while. Forget that list of things that need to be done – just for a little while, and just be with God. Listen to His voice. What is He calling you to do or be?

Don't let this world make you feel guilty for taking time for God. Turn off that voice that says you should be busy doing something more productive. Turn off the voice that says, I can take time later or God doesn't hear me anyways. There is nothing that matters more... than spending time with God.

When you block out all the noise of this world and set all your cares and worries aside, for just a little while, your burdens will seem lighter, your good works will seem more rewarding. When you block out all the noise of this world and sit in the silence of God – you will hear Him say, "Do not come any closer, take off your sandals for the place where you are standing is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5)

The scene of the burning bush reveals God to the world in one of the visible manifestations with fire. Although the bush was not consumed by fire, it indicates that the Israelites would not be consumed by the afflictions in Egypt. Thus, God's love and protection of His people. This story is a great reminder of courage and trust as well. Something we need as we do God's work and go where He calls us. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." making Disciples of all Nations!

Have a great week!  
Tina Kovalcik, DRE



#### Faith Formation Catechists Needed

Are you looking for a way to share your faith, time and talents with others? Our Faith Formation department needs YOU!! Catechists are needed once a month on Sunday beginning in September for grades 1, 3, 4, & 5 and every Monday beginning in September for grades 1, 2 and 7. We begin planning in August so there is plenty of time to "get acquainted" with the program.

We also need catechist helpers, sacramental preparation leaders, and hall monitors.

Call the faith Formation Office for more details!

**NOW REGISTERING  
for FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022  
Ages 3-5 and Grades K-8**

Information can be found on our parish website under the faith formation tab or call the faith formation office.



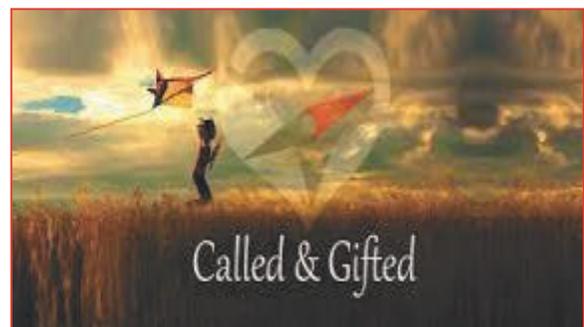
#### Called and Gifted

Have you ever wondered...

- ...how we can receive more of the Holy Spirit?
- ...what it means to be a missionary disciple?
- ...what a charism is?
- ...where is Jesus right now?
- ...how does a charism differ from a natural talent?
- ...how many charisms are there?

If any of these questions peaked your curiosity, then you may want to consider attending our Called & Gifted workshop beginning on July 28th. See the flyer elsewhere in today's Spotlight!

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**



## Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

**Tues., July 20th, St. Apollinaris, Bishop, Martyr:** Apollinaris died in the first century. Early accounts report that he was ordained bishop by Peter himself and sent as a missionary bishop to Ravenna during the reign (41-54 AD) of the emperor Claudius. Renowned for his power to heal in the name of Christ, he was frequently exiled, tortured, and imprisoned for the faith and finally martyred.

**Wed., July 21st, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest:** Lawrence died in 1679. He was a Capuchin, linguist, military chaplain, diplomat, and minister general. He was a learned exegete, forceful preacher, and conversationalist. Fifteen volumes of his writings are extant.

**Thurs., July 22nd, St. Mary Magdalene:** Mary Magdalene, died in the 1st century, was healed of possession. She was a disciple of Jesus and present at his crucifixion. In the Gospel of Mark, she is the first person to witness the risen Lord (hence, called the "apostle of the Apostles"). Almost universally agreed today that her being identified as the sinful woman of Luke 7:36-50 is unfounded. She is the patroness of the Order of Preachers.



**Fri., July 23rd, St. Bridget, Religious:** Bridget, died in 1373 in Rome. She was born in Sweden, mother of eight. She was a mystic prophet and foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines). She sought to end the luxury and dissipation of the Avignon Papacy and the return of the pope to Rome. Her revelations record her spiritual experiences and life. She is the patroness of Sweden. With St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein], and St. Catherine of Siena, St. Bridget was declared co-patroness of Europe by Pope St. John Paul II in 1999.

**Sat., July 24th, St. Sharbel Makhlof, Priest:** Sharbel Makhlof died in 1898. He was born in 1828 in a small mountain village, he became a monk of the Maronite Rite and was ordained a priest in 1859. Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he spent the last 23 years of his life as a hermit. Despite temptations to wealth and comfort, Sharbel taught the value of poverty, self-sacrifice, and prayer by the life he lived. He possessed the gift of miracles even during his lifetime. His tomb at the monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, Lebanon, is a place of pilgrimage, Canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1977. St. Sharbel is known as the "Hermit of Lebanon."

From the Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and  
Celebration of the Eucharist, 2021:  
Archdiocese of Detroit and the Six Dioceses of Michigan.

### Fr. Joe's CSA Update

We are now two months into this year's CSA campaign. 13% of our parish households have participated so far, and we are now at 79% of our assigned goal of \$85,230. However, we use the Catholic Services Appeal as one of our own fundraisers in order to meet our parish budget, and are counting on an additional \$40,000 for this purpose (since everything raised over and above our quota stays here in the parish).

Seen in these terms, we are currently at 54% of the amount we need to raise. If you're part of the 87% of our parish that hasn't yet participated, please know that your help WILL make a real difference.

To learn more about how the CSA helps and the different ways to contribute visit <https://www.aod.org/catholic-services-appeal>. If you give through the AOD site, please be sure to note our parish code, #398, so your donation gets credited to IC.

You can always place your donation to CSA in the collection basket or mail/drop off at the parish office. Please make checks payable to Catholic Services Appeal or CSA.



### Archbishop Vigneron on CSA

In his pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, Archbishop Allen Vigneron asks us to make Jesus "known by our word and deed" — timely guidance for the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

The ministries, programs, and services supported by your generosity meet the spiritual and physical needs of parishes and countless individuals throughout the Archdiocese and southeast Michigan.

When we embrace the CSA for carrying out the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, we witness Christ, and in turn, we open doors so others may also develop a deeper relationship with Him. We also extend our personal involvement in our local Church beyond our home parishes.

The CSA enables us, the Church in Detroit, to carry out Christ's ministry of mercy and love throughout southeast Michigan and beyond — works no one individual or parish could possibly do alone.



**DISCOVER GOD'S CALL FOR YOUR LIFE**

Lord, what are you calling me to do?

The Called and Gifted series will guide you in discovering, discerning, and developing your unique charisms gifted to you by the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation.

**Wednesday, July 28 – Sept 29, 2021 (10 weeks)**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Parish Hall  
9764 Dixie Hwy., Ira Twp., MI 48023

(This \$40 workshop includes course materials)

[www.ICCatholic.org](http://www.ICCatholic.org) 586-725-1762

Please make \$40 check payable to Immaculate Conception Parish  
With "Called & Gifted" written in the memo

Detach and mail or return the completed form by July 25, 2021 to

**Immaculate Conception Parish, ATTN: Tina Kovalcik 9764 Dixie Hwy., Ira Twp., 48023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

For questions or concerns please contact: Tina Kovalcik at [kovalcik@iccatholic.org](mailto:kovalcik@iccatholic.org) - 586-725-1762



**Cardinal Mooney Catholic**

660 South Water Street  
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June 23, 2021

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
9764 Dixie Hwy.  
Ira, MI 48023

Dear Father Joe,

The Cardinal Mooney family is enriched by the presence of your sons and daughters in our school. They give of themselves...and they give much. Thank you for sharing them with us.

It gives us great pleasure, therefore, to announce our Fourth Quarter Honor Roll for the 2020-2021 school year. Please share this great news with your parish family by printing this information in your church bulletin.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUNG MEN/WOMEN:**

**PRINCIPAL'S LIST – All A's**

Hannah Bernhardt	Donald Blakeley	Luke Bright
Larry DeDalis	Elena Guc	Kathryn Luzynski
Elizabeth MacKenzie		

**FIRST HONORS – MINIMUM OF 3 A's NO GRADE LOWER THAN AN A OR B**

Megan Barch	Cadden Feddersen	Edward Foster
Paige Hannum	Nathan Super	Connor Vestal
William Wuerz		

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mr. David Evans*

Mr. David Evans, Principal  
Cardinal Mooney Catholic High School



**Catholic Schools**  
Teaching Minds. Reaching Hearts.

**One Flock: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had misled and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds (see Ezekiel 34:23).

The crowd gathering on the green grass (see Mark 6:39) in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd (see John 10:11), the king they've been waiting for (see Hosea 3:1-5).

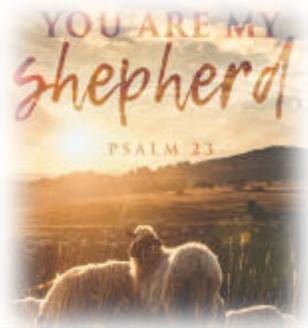
Jesus is moved to pity, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him (see Numbers 27:17). And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth.

Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd (see John 10:16).

In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel and then to bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:36; Romans 1:16).

Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel.

As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing."





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FAMILIES OF PARISHES



Now that we have officially transitioned into our Family of Parishes, Blue Water Vicariate Southern Family, and we will be collaborating in some areas with our Southern Family members, it is important that everyone understands the new leadership structure, including leadership teams, and operations of staff positions and reporting. Under this new structure we have new titles in ministry and may have new staff persons to report to.

On behalf of Fr. Joe Esper and the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Staff, we ask that all chairpersons or contact persons of our various councils, commissions, organizations and other groups (and any interested parishioners) join us for an

### **Informational Gathering on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm**

(Immediately following 6:30pm Mass) in the parish hall.

**Kindly RSVP to the parish office by July 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 586-725-3051 or [parish@iccatholic.org](mailto:parish@iccatholic.org)**

As we enter into this new journey in faith, we understand that new adventures can sometimes be intimidating, exhausting and exciting. Allow us to walk with you. Most importantly, let us remember that whatever comes our way, we are not afraid, for Jesus is with us and the works we do, we do for the glory of God.

### **Families of Parishes - What Are "Mission Direct" Ministries And How Will They Be Structured?**

**Mission Direct** ministries primarily work directly with the faithful in achieving the mission, and are designed to firmly root parish pastoral ministry in Synod 16 and the Unleash the Gospel pastoral letter. To accomplish this goal, we have identified five ministry areas that reflect a vibrant and evangelizing parish. These are:

1. **Discipleship Formation**, overseeing all aspects of disciple formation in the Family, with emphasis on encounter, grow, and witness. The **Director of Discipleship Formation** identifies, recruits, and forms catechists; assists the school faculty in the preparation of creative, spirit-filled liturgies and sacramental experiences; and other related tasks.

2. **Engagement**, assisting parishioners by equipping them for the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The **Director of Engagement** supervises those working in ministry placement, evangelization, communications, RCIA, hospitality, and ecumenical ministries.

3. **Evangelical Charity**, ensuring a full response to Catholic social teaching through charity in areas of human need, both within the parish and beyond. The **Director of Christian Service** supervises those working in human services; community outreach; visitation of the sick and homebound; Stephen Ministry; and funeral luncheon ministries.

4. **Family Ministries**, assisting families living as domestic churches in their homes. The **Director of Family Ministry** supervises those working with infant baptism; marriage preparation, and family support group ministries.

5. **Worship**, facilitating the worship life of the community by coordinating and providing quality prayer and liturgical experiences. The **Director of Worship** supervises those working in liturgy; parish music; prayer groups; and wake service ministries.



## Remember in Your Prayers

Names of the sick will be published for **four weeks**. If you wish to place the name again, please contact the office.

- Nichole Amicone
- Mary Baker
- Tim Brent
- Theresa Cangelosi
- Georgene Ebner
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Loren Gaedcke
- Mark Golden
- Carol Keller
- Donald Keller
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- Melissa McDonner
- Susan Neumann
- Courtney Palmerchuck
- Scott Simons
- Elianna Grace Tomczak
- Delphine Wegryn



### Please Pray for our Military

- SSGT Chad Bohr, US Air Force
- Sgt Jason Finamore US Army
- Sgt Drake Jacobsen, US Army
- Alex Kurple, US Navy
- Fr. Lt. Tomek Maka, US Navy
- Sgt Mitchell Sikorski, USMC
- PS1, Felix Garcia, US Navy

Please send the name, branch of service and rank of any active Military persons to [editor@iccatholic.org](mailto:editor@iccatholic.org).

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, July 19

8:30am

- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory — by The Kandler Family
- † Christopher Sommers — by Kathy Wyzykowski

7:00pm

- For the Sins of Our Country

### Tuesday, July 20

6:30pm

- † Vincent & George Cvengros — by Their Family
- † Mary Alice Greenburg— 1st Anniversary — by Duane & Cheryl

### Wednesday, July 21

8:30am

- † James E. Barker — by His Sister
- Jack Walsworth — Birthday Blessings — by The Cornwell Family

### Thursday, July 22

8:30am

- Fr. Joe Esper — In Thanksgiving — by The Cornwell Family
- † Ted Wiley — by The Wiley Family

### Friday, July 23

8:30am

- † Jan Endres — by Her Husband, Mike
- For Protection, Love, Blessings & Good Health on Debbie & Vanessa

### Saturday, July 24

4:30pm

- Susan Neumann — Birthday Blessings — by Joe & Kathy Cowles
- † Katie Meldrum — by Tom Dunn

### Sunday, July 25

8:00am

- For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

10:00am

- † Richard Komara — Birthday Remembrance — by Tom & Pam
- † Thomas Abele — by His Wife, Joan

12:00pm

- † Poor Souls in Purgatory — by Patrick & Kathy McCormick
- † Fr Joe — Blessings & Protection — by The Divine Mercy Group



**Evelyn Sadlowski  
Janet Borgne**

**Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
and let the perpetual light  
shine upon them.**

### Today's Intentions

4:30pm

- † Marie & Dick Rudolph
- † Theresa VanTiem

8:00am

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- † Diane & John Plegue

10:00am

- The People of IC

12:00pm

- † McCormick Friends & Family
- † Katie Meldrum

July 24 & 25, 2021				
	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Cara Ritchey	Celeste Nagorsen Deven Nagorsen	Samantha Winkle	Rebecca Gordon
<b>EMHC</b>	Carol Kaufman - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Jean Corbat Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Peter Cornwell - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Deacon Ken - Host (1) Tammie Thelen - Host (2) (sub req.) Celebrant - Host
<b>LECTORS</b>	Rosemarie Wrobel	James Ruemenapp	Brittany Davis	Patrick Tezak
<b>USHERS</b>	Lloyd Hartwell Ken Radtke	Pat Clancy Bob Hoard John Jacques Vic Schweiger Stanley Sommers	Bob Badovinac Patrick Bohr Mark Kehoe Donnell Robinson Tim VerVaecke	George Beindit Greg Furtah Anthony Jubinski Michael Mytinger
<b>GREETERS</b>			Kim Gutenschwager	Eliana Hogarth
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Tom Dunn	Ted Stawiasz	Janis Cornwell	Ed Gates

# Altar Server Appreciation Gathering!



**July 29 at 5pm**

Hosted by our  
High School  
Youth Group



**Pizza and Ice Cream!  
Games and prize drawings.**

**A special thank you to each one of them for  
their service in this important ministry!**



**THANK YOU!**

Georgene and I would like to thank the IC Family for your thoughts and prayers following her recent fall, and subsequent two surgeries. She is on the mend, and will begin physical therapy next week.

Deacon Dave



## Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

June 21 - 27, 2021

<b>Offertory</b>	
Envelopes	\$7,358.02
E-Giving	\$3,300.50
Loose.	<u>\$419.74</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,078.26</b>
Goal — \$12,500 per week	



<b>2021 Catholic Services Appeal</b>	
Pledged Amount:	<b>\$67,662</b>
Budgeted Goal:	<b>\$85,230</b>
Amount to Goal	<b>\$17,568</b>
Number Pledges Received	180
<b>Thank You!</b>	

### Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments The Steward's Work is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

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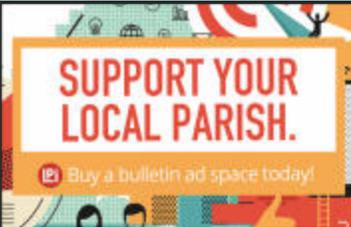
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