



The Spotlight

Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

August 1, 2021

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service

Families of Parishes Third Gathering

Witnessing with Support and Encouragement

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 7:15pm
Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
9764 Dixie Highway
Ira, MI 48023

**United as a Family in Christ
Mass is at 6:30pm,
just prior to the event, for all
who would like to attend.**



Our Lady on the River
St. Mark, Holy Cross, St. Catherine
Harsens Island, Marine City, Algonac



Immaculate Conception, Ira

Join us in person for the third Family Gathering! Our first two gatherings were virtual. This will be our first opportunity to join in person as a family, to build new relationships and learn about all the events that are open to you in our Families of Parishes!

There will be time to get to know each other, food (sandwiches, salads, chips, Ice Cream Sundae Bar, desserts), beverages, door prizes and music!



St. Mary, St. Clair



St. Mary Queen of Creation,
New Baltimore

While we are brothers and sisters in Christ, united in His precious Body and Blood, Families of Parishes allows us in an official way to become a Family united in carrying out the mission to unleash the Gospel by working together, sharing our gifts and forming an even stronger community!



**FAMILIES
OF PARISHES**

God relates to His people not as isolated individuals but as a people, a family, united with one another in deep bonds of love. -Unleash the Gospel Marker 3.1

Mass Times & Information

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

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 - Thursday 9am to 4pm
 closed 12-1pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	9:15am
Saturday	3:30pm

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered for three months in the parish and complete two baptism preparation sessions before celebrating baptism.

MARRIAGE

Couple must meet with the pastor prior to choosing the wedding date and complete six months of marriage preparation.

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 icatholic.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)

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 icatholic.org/e-giving, call the parish office, 586-725-3051, if you need help.



THIS WEEK AT IC

**MON
2**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Loving Hands
 6:30pm.....Fr. Joe's Persecution Talk
 7:00pm.....Evangelization Meeting

Dn 11:4b-15/*Ps* 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/*OT* 14:13-21

**TUES
3**

6:30pm.....Mass
 7:15-9:00pmEucharistic Adoration
 7:15pm.....Families of Parishes Gathering

Dn 12:1-13/*Ps* 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/*OT* 14:22-36 or *OT* 15:1-2, 10-14

**WED
4**

8:30am.....Mass

Dn 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/*Ps* 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4a]/*OT* 15:21-2

**THUR
5**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 6:30pm.....Baptism Prep
 7:00pm.....K of C Meeting
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

Dn 20:1-13/*Ps* 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/*OT* 16:13-23

**FRI
6**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:30-2:30pmEucharistic Adoration

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/*Ps* 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 *Pt* 1:16-19/*OT* 9:2-10

**SAT
7**

9:00am.....Mass
 3:30pm.....Confessions
 4:30pm.....Mass

Dn 6:4-13/*Ps* 18: 28, 3-4, 47 and 51/*OT* 17:14-20

**SUN
8**

8:00am.....Mass
 10:00am.....Mass
 12:00pm.....Mass
 1:00pm.....Youth Group

1 *Kgs* 19:4-8/*Ps* 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/*Eph* 4:30-5:2/*Jn* 6:41-51



Fr. Joe's Jottings

It was on this date, July 25, that in 1968 Pope Paul VI issued his controversial encyclical (teaching letter) *Humanae Vitae* (Latin for "Of Human Life"). This encyclical reaffirmed the Church's traditional teaching that every act of sexual intercourse within marriage during the child-bearing years must be open to the possibility of a new human life (in other words, artificial contraception, or birth control, is not permitted).

The encyclical was widely criticized and rejected, not only by laypersons, but also on the part of many theologians and clergy; it was claimed the Pope was behind the times and didn't understand the realities of modern life. However, it turned out Paul VI (later canonized a saint) was, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, truly prophetic. *Humanae Vitae* claimed that if the use of artificial contraception became widespread, there would be an increase in child abuse, abortion, and divorce; also, women would be treated as objects instead of as persons, and governments might (as would be the case with Communist China) impose sterilization on their people. All those prophecies have been fulfilled—to a far greater extent than even Pope Paul VI expected.

Many years later, a woman and future convert to Catholicism wrote, "I could believe that God considered children to be a blessing—Scripture made that abundantly clear—but I wasn't quite sure why contraception would be a problem, or what should be done when serious issues made conception unwise, either permanently or for a time. . . . It wasn't until nearly a quarter century later that my decades-long search for truth and wholeness brought [my family] to the Catholic Church. . . . As we went through RCIA, we were given copies of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and it was such a relief and blessing to find such thoughtful and detailed explanation of doctrines."

"The section on 'The Love of Husband and Wife' led me to some of the documents of the Church, including *Humanae Vitae*. Finally, a clear outline of the purpose of the sacrament of marriage, and a picture of what it was designed to be—fully human, total, faithful, and fecund. The careful, loving explanation of Pope Paul VI answered every question that had been stirred so long ago by the idea of God's interest in our family. . . ."

"God had created the sacrament of marriage in a way that defends the dignity of both husband and wife and respects the sanctity of life. The eternal best interest of each family member was considered in the deepest way possible. What a difference this teaching could make in the life of a family!"

"The consequences of artificial means of contraception that Pope Paul predicted—marital infidelity, a general lowering of moral standards, loss of incentive for young people to obey the moral law, and forgetfulness of the 'reverence due a woman'—have abundantly come to pass. . . . God's way is always the best way. There is peace in knowing and resting in the purpose and plan designed by our Creator, and it is a blessing open to all. Even when the

path seems challenging, it is traveled just one step at a time, all in the light of faith. It is never too late to learn and start afresh, and it can lead to deep joy and peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:7)" (from *Fidelity to God's Design: Humanae Vitae 50 Years Later*).

Some people worry that, unless the number of births is restricted, the world will be overpopulated. However, as noted in a recent article in *Newsmax* magazine ("America Needs More Babies", June 2021), most nations in the world (including the country with the highest population, China) are not reproducing themselves because of a low birth rate, and face severe demographic and economic consequences unless this changes. Furthermore, the most common form of contraception—the birth control pill—has often been found to have serious and even devastating physical and emotional consequences for women using it.

The Church does not claim that every act of marital intercourse *must* result in pregnancy, but only that husband and wife *be open* to the possibility of new life. Furthermore, they may regulate the frequency or number of pregnancies by using an acceptable means—such as Natural Family Planning, which is both realistic and highly reliable. (For more information on NFP, contact the Archdiocese of Detroit at 313-237-4679, or e-mail nfp@aod.org, or go to www.aod.org/nfp.)

History has shown time and time again that the teachings of the Church—no matter how unpopular or rejected—truly express not only the Will of God, but also reveal the values, standards, and way of life that is truly best for His children.

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On Monday August 2nd I will give a special talk on "An Update on the Coming Persecution" at 6:30pm in church; all are welcome to attend.

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The following evening, Tuesday August 3rd, we will be hosting the third and final "Blue Water Southern Family" gathering, beginning with the 6:30pm Mass. You are invited to meet and share fellowship with parishioners from the other three parishes in our Southern Family.

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The students in a Confirmation class were taking a quiz, and one of the questions asked them to list the Ten Commandments in any order. One boy wrote: "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

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Thought for the Day:

By means of the reciprocal personal gift of self, proper and exclusive to them, husband and wife tend toward the communion of their beings in view of mutual personal perfection, to collaborate with God in the generation and education of new lives.

--*Humanae Vitae*, n. 8

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

Who Me? Yes, YOU!

Have you ever thought about growing deeper in your faith life but don't know how or who to ask? Would you like to share your time, talent, and gifts with the Church? Would you like to be more active in the parish but just don't know where to begin?

Here are 10 reasons why you should consider becoming a catechist. Let's be honest. Agreeing to teach kids about faith can seem like a daunting prospect. Not only do you have to commit to being present one Sunday out of the month or every Monday afternoon...into eternity (OK, not quite that long), but you also have to deal with kids, and their parents! At any given time, you might have Richard using the cross bookmark you just made, as a sword, or Margie's mother complaining that her daughter wasn't picked first to recite her prayers, or perhaps you have George texting in class as you're trying to teach the Sermon on the Mount. Argh!

Teaching is learning.

We all are called to continue to grow in faith, and the best way to learn is to teach. When you instruct others, your own understanding increases. If your own faith formation ended years ago, the resources and materials you learned from have changed. Becoming a catechist will refresh and expand your own knowledge...and you get to meet new people!

Catechists speak the truth.

In today's chaotic society, people are searching for what is real and what is not. Catechists are like the little boy who told the emperor he wasn't wearing any clothes. Catechists speak the truth about God, faith, and morals. The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.

Sharing our faith is an honor.

It's estimated that fewer than 1% of Catholics are catechists. If you've been approached to be a catechist, or if you feel the call that you are being asked to do something special for God, for the Church and for your fellow Catholics. This is God's nudge for you to answer his call!

Your own faith comes alive.

By acting on what you believe, you become a team member in building up God's kingdom. Jesus told us not to put our light under a bushel basket, and that means not hiding it from others. Sharing our faith with others is what we were created for. As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy, and your own relationship with Jesus will become more alive and meaningful.

You become an active disciple in the most awesome part of our parish.

One criticism of Catholic churches is that they don't offer as much "fellowship" as some others. When you become a catechist, you enter into a faith community that will support you on your own faith journey, pray for and with you, and encourage you in your Catholic lifestyle.

Catechists are role models.

If you were to ask young people who their role models or heroes are, you'll get a litany of movie and sports stars. While looking good and being athletic are good qualities, young people need examples of ordinary people who do the right thing just because it is the right thing to do. As a catechist, you get to model behaviors young people might not learn anywhere else.

You will be practicing stewardship.

In these difficult economic times, families are struggling with rising prices and shrinking incomes. Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource -- your time. You might not be able to donate as much money as you would like, but we all have time and talent to share.

You show your own family that you value the Catholic faith.

Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings, and family members that you put a high priority on religious education. You may find you are teaching them as much by your example as you are your students by your lesson plans.

It's fun and rewarding!

Spending time with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you renewed energy and vitality. Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints. Not to mention there's nothing like it when a kid "gets it" like one of the tenets of the faith, like the Real Presence.

It's what we are called to do.

At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said: "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." (Mt 28:19-20). By teaching the next generation about the Good News, you are fulfilling your part of the Great Commandment. It may be one of the most important things you will ever do. Changing lives, one at a time!

Catechists are currently needed in grades K, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 7.

Please call Tina in the Faith Formation Office (586-725-1762) for details. Our catechist training and planning dates begin in a few short weeks!

Have a great week!

Tina Kovalcik, DRE



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

Mon., Aug. 2nd, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; and St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest: St. Eusebius was born at the beginning of the 4th century in Sardinia. He became a member of the Roman clergy and in 345 was elected bishop of Vercelli. He is considered the founder of the canons regular in the west. He defended St. Athanasius. With St. Hilary he was exiled to Palestine by Emperor Constantine. He was an opponent of Arianism. Peter Julian Eymard, died on August 1, 1868, was born in 1811 at La Mure d'Isere, France. In 1856, he founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament [S.S.S.] which today numbers some 900 members. The Congregation is devoted to the worship and apostolate of the Eucharist as the center of the life of the Church and society. In 1858, he founded the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, a contemplative women's community; influenced the founding of the Eucharistic Fraternity for the laity, the Association of Priests Advisers, and international Eucharistic congresses.

Wed., Aug. 4th, St. John Vianney, Priest: Jean-Marie Vianney died in 1859. He is universally known as the "Cure of Ars". He was a compassionate spiritual counselor who spent no less than 11 hours every day in the confessional in winter, 16 hours in the summer. He is the patron of priests and the parish clergy.

Thurs., Aug., 5th, The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major: Following the declaration of Mary as the 'Theotokos', ("God Bearer"), by the Council of Ephesus in 431, Pope Sixtus II erected in Rome this oldest basilica in the West dedicated to the Mother of God.

Fri., Aug. 6th, The Transfiguration of the Lord: Celebrated by 5th. c. East Syrians, this feast was inserted into the general calendar in 1457 by Pope Callistus III to celebrate the defeat, announced in Rome on August 6th, of the Turks at Belgrade. (August 6th occurs 40 days before the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, September 14th.)

Sat., Aug. 7th, Saints Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; and Saint Cajetan, Priest: St. Sixtus II and four deacons (Januarius, Vincent, Magnus, and Stephen) were arrested on Aug. 6, 258 AD. while celebrating the Eucharist in the cemetery of Callistus by the order of the emperor, Valerian. They were decapitated that same day. St. Sixtus is mentioned in the Roman Canon. St. Cajetan, died in 1547 AD. He co-founded in 1524 with Gian Pietro Carafa (later Pope Paul IV), the Theatines (today the Congregation of Clerks, Regular [C.R.]), who number about 175 religious. The order is devoted to reform, prayer, and ministry, especially to the poor and the sick.

From the Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist, 2021 Archdiocese of Detroit and the Six Diocese of MI



**BEGINNING THIS WEEK,
MONDAY, AUGUST 2nd,
THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
9:00am until 4:00pm
(closed 12-1pm)**

Faith Formation continued

**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.

Baptism Preparation – The Rite of Baptism

Our next Baptism preparation session, the Rite of Baptism, will be held on Thursday, August 5th.

We will begin by listening to God's Word and reflecting upon it. Then we will break open the symbols and rituals found in the Sacrament of Baptism, review the baptismal rite, and answer your questions. Parents and godparents of those to be baptized in the near future are asked to attend.

To register for this session please call the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is the process by which Catholics invite those who are interested in becoming Catholic or those interested in completing the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

God calls each of us in His own time and His own way. RCIA is a process to help people with questions determine their path to grow in faith. There is NEVER any pressure to make a commitment. All are welcome.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS...

- Baptized in another faith and now desires to be Catholic.
- Has never been baptized and is seeking information about becoming Catholic.
- Is engaged or married to a Catholic and would like to understand more about the Catholic faith.
- A baptized Catholic, but has not received religious formation or celebrated the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation

For more information, please call Tina Kovalcik in the Faith Formation office at 586-725-1762.



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.

THE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, Sept. 8 – Nov. 10, 2021

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Immaculate Conception Catholic Church - Parish Hall
9764 Dixie Hwy., Ira Twp., MI 48023
www.iccatholic.org 586-725-1762

Cost: \$40

Includes course materials and online access to video & audio sessions

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 Sept. 1, 2021 to

Immaculate Conception, 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 - 586-725-1762



Open Positions at IC School

1. Latchkey Director
Part-time Mon-Fri 2:30-6:00pm
2. Cook
Part-time 19 hours/week
3. Substitute Teachers
Multiple substitute teaching positions

Please contact Lawrence Ricard at ricard@iccatholic.org with resume, letters of reference and other certifications pertinent to these positions.

Go to aod.org/careers for complete position requirements

GOD IS HERE
ALL IS GOOD



Endurance Test: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8:2-3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.



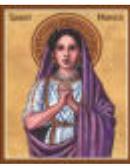
Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16:20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6:33)."

August is dedicated to The Immaculate Heart of Mary			August 2021 Calendar of Events			Immaculate Conception	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	St. Eusebius of Vercelli 2	3	St. John Vianney 4	Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major 5	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6	St. Pope Sixtus 7	
8am/10am/Noon Mass 	8:30am Mass 9:45am Loving Hands 6pm SoulCore August 2 at 6:30pm Fr. Joe's Persecution Talk in Church. 	8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6:30pm Mass Adoration until Reposition After 6:30pm Mass: Family of Parishes Gathering	8:30am Mass 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 6:30pm Baptism Prep II 7pm K of C Meeting 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	8:30am First Friday Mass 9:15am Adoration until 2:30pm 	9am 1st Sat. Mass. 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass 	
8	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 9	St. Lawrence 10	St. Clare 11	St. Jane Frances de Chantal 12	St. Pope Pontian & Rev. Hippolytus 13	St. Maximilian Kolbe 14	
8am/10am/Noon Mass Following the Noon Mass: Youth Group Meeting 	8:30am Mass 3pm SVdP 6pm SoulCore August 9 at 6:30pm Repeat of Fr. Joe's Persecution Talk in Church.	8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm Reposition 	8:30am Mass 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass 	
Assumption of the B.V. Mary 15	St. Stephen of Hungary 16	17	18	St. Rev. John Eudes 19	St. Bernard 20	St. Pope Pius X 21	
8am/10am/Noon Mass 1pm Rite of Baptism  Youth Event at St. Mark (Harsens Island)	8:30am Mass 9:15am Loving Hands 6pm SoulCore  7pm Mass of Reparation	8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm Reposition 	8:30am Mass 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass 	
22	St. Rose of Lima 23	St. Bartholomew 24	St. Louis 25	26	St. Monica 27	St. Augustine 28	
8am/10am/Noon Mass Following the Noon Mass  Church PICNIC You're Invited	8:30am Mass 6pm SoulCore 	8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm Reposition 	8:30am Mass 6pm Walking Club 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 7pm K of C 4th Degree 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass 	
29	I.C. School's 1st Day, 1/2 Day 30	31		Family of Parishes August 3, 2021 Following the 6:30pm Mass There will be time to get to know each other, food (sandwiches, salads, chips, Ice Cream Sundae Bar, desserts), beverages, door prizes and music! At I.C. Come everyone! 		 Confessions every Thursday at 9:15am Saturday at 3:30pm	
8am/10am/Noon Mass Corporate Communion  Youth Group Gathering	8:30am Mass 9:45am Loving Hands 6pm SoulCore 6pm Walking Club 7pm Evangelization Mtg  	8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm Reposition 7:15pm Intercessory Prayer					
Rosary and Devotions following Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am Masses. Rosary half hour prior to all weekend Masses.							
Rosary Monday through Friday 5:30pm in the Grotto, weather permitting.							
August-2021							



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
- Karen Cummings
- Georgene Ebner
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Mark Golden
- Carol Keller
- Donald Keller
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- Melissa McDonner
- Barbara Binnall Meldrum
- Susan Neumann
- Courtney Palmerchuck
- Scott Simons
- Gina Stahovick
- 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@icatholic.org.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 2

8:30am

- † Tina Meade — by The Bynum Family
- † Theresa VanTiem — by Tom Dunn

Tuesday, August 3

6:30pm

— Living Bishops, Priests & Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Wednesday, August 4

8:30am

- † Jan Greib — by Dianne Faubert
- Intentions of Ron Greib & Family — by Dianne Faubert

Thursday, August 5

8:30am

- † Living & Deceased Members of the Kay Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory — by The Kandler Family

Friday, August 6

8:30am

- † Michael Mertz — by His Family
- † Glenn Kucway — by Amber Godlewski

Saturday, August 7

9:00am

- † Tom & Shirley Stein — by The O’Gara Family
- † Angeline, Vincent & George Cvengros

4:30pm

- Fr Joe Esper — Blessings & Protection — by The Divine Mercy Group
- † Theresa VanTiem — by Cheryl Koehs

Sunday, August 8

8:00am

- † Wilbert Caillet — by The Kandler Family
- † Christopher Sommers — by Tom Dunn

10:00am

- † Deceased Members of the Brown Family — by Mel & Carol
- † Ray Fisher — by His Family

12:00pm

— For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish



Today's Intentions

4:30pm

- † William Forrester
- † Mark Lietke

8:00am

- † Bill Biliti
- † Theresa VanTiem

10:00am

— The People of IC

12:00pm

- † McCormick Friends & Family
- † Katie Meldrum

August 7 & 8, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Avery Whitenight	Alexis Kiley	Aidan McDonald	Nikolai Zacharko
EMHC	Carol Kaufman - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Nancy Sommers - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Rosemarie Wrobel - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Deacon Ken - Host (1) Todd Bont - Host (2) Celebrant - Host
LECTORS	Dominic Schirmer	James Ruemenapp	Jeffrey Wooten	Patrick Tezak
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Congratulations !!

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! We were inspired by your commitment to keeping Christ as an important part of your life, by coming to Mass and seeking His blessing. May this always be true for you, as you allow Him to guide you throughout this amazing life journey!



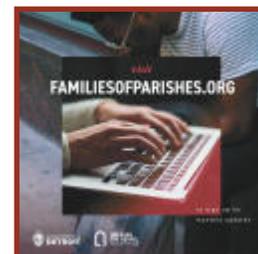
2021 Festival Thank You !!!

A special thanks to all the IC and Our Lady on the River parishioners who helped at festival; from setting up, working, tearing down. Also thank you for sending in your Silent Auction items. And of course thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed our one day festival. It was a Big Success thanks to everyone!

The actual results are not in yet as we have a few other items to take care of, but we will publicize the results in the near future.

Next year will be our 50th and we want to make it outstanding so keep in mind what we can do to make it even more successful than this year.

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TOTAL	\$11,249.27
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
Thank You!	



2021 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$68,672
Budgeted Goal:	\$125,230
Amount to Goal	\$56,558
Number Pledges Received	192
Thank You!	

Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could

you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

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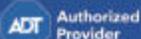
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