



The Spotlight

Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service



*"From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His Name.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."*

Lk 1:48b-49, 52

Mass Times & Information

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 9764 Dixie Highway, Ira Township, MI 48023
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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.



**MON
16**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Loving Hands
 6:00pm.....SoulCore
 7:00pm.....Reparation Mass

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

**TUES
17**

8 & 9:15amSoulCore
 6:30pm.....Mass
 7:15-9:00pmEucharistic Adoration

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

**WED
18**

8:30am.....Mass

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

**THUR
19**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

**FRI
20**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:30-12:00pmEucharistic Adoration

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

**SAT
21**

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

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11: 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

**SUN
22**

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

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/
 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69





Fr. Joe's Jottings

Today we commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who—at the time of her death—was taken up into Heaven both soul and body. She who was conceived free from sin was worthy of entering the fullness of eternal life immediately (whereas the rest of us, even if we die in a state of perfect grace and enter Heaven without spending any time in purgatory, will still have to wait until the Last Judgment for our bodies to be raised up in glory and reunited with our souls).

The Assumption of Our Lady has always been a belief of the Church, but it was only formally defined as a dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950. For several years before making this declaration, the Holy Father consulted with bishops and laypersons from throughout the world for their input—not that he was required to do so; rather, he wished to involve the entire Church in this process of honoring Mary.

Catholic faith isn't a set of lifeless beliefs handed on from the past; it's something ongoing and dynamic, something alive and life-giving. The teachings of the Church don't belong only to the Pope and other Church leaders; they have meaning and importance to all of us. Just as Mary is the Mother not only of the Church, but of each believer (cf. John 19:27), so Catholic wisdom and truth are part of the inheritance of all committed followers of Christ. That makes today's Feast of Our Lady's Assumption not merely a glorification of Mary, but a "family celebration," and a promise of something wonderful offered to each one of us.

Last fall we had about 13,000 square feet of our 88,000 square feet parking lot completely repaved; as you've no doubt noticed, we've just repaved another 25,400 square feet, including some additional space along M-29, where the old hair salon once stood. (When we purchased that property four years ago, it was always our intention to pave some of it eventually, once the ground where the building stood had settled sufficiently). As this was being done a few weeks ago, we also added a small driveway connecting the lot at the parish hall to the driveway alongside the rectory, thereby uniting our entire campus.

This project cost about \$105,000; we paid for it using some of our savings with the Archdiocese. We've known for several years the parking lot would have to be rebuilt, and it seemed the right time to proceed (before costs go up even more). A project of this size, of course, had to be approved first by the parish Finance Council, and then by the Archdiocese of Detroit. There is still a sizable section of the parking lot in front of school needing to be rebuilt; we hope to finish this work next year (though the timing isn't yet certain).

Also, this past month we were able to upgrade some of the electric wiring and fixtures in the school (specifically, the upper elementary hallway and classrooms); this will improve the building's energy efficiency and safety.

Your contributions to Immaculate Conception are vitally important for the parish's day-to-day operations, and also for the long-term maintenance and improvement of our buildings and grounds. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and support, and pledge to continue exercising proper stewardship of all that has been entrusted to us.

Retrouvaille (Retro-Vi) is an important Catholic marriage ministry. For the past 44 years, it has been helping couples in struggling or broken marriages, especially by assisting husbands and wives to fix "impossible to reconcile" problems. Over 177,000 marriages have been helped worldwide, including over 6,000 in Metro Detroit.

This coming weekend, August 20-22, a "Rediscover Their Love" retreat will be offered for this purpose here in the Archdiocese. For more information, go to HelpOurMarriage.org.

Our monthly **Mass of Reparation** will be held tomorrow, Monday August 16, at 7pm. This liturgy has been growing in size each month (with over 200 persons attending in July), and includes an Eucharistic healing service, and a blessing of water, olive oil, salt, and religious articles.

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

Two simple-minded cousins from Louisiana—Boudreaux and Thibodeaux—each lost their job at a women's undergarment factory. At an interview for unemployment benefits, Boudreaux was asked, "What did you do?" He answered, "Sew elastic in women's under clothes." The bureaucrat said, "You get \$150 a week for unskilled labor."

Then Thibodeaux was asked, "What did you do?" "I was a diesel fitter," he said. Impressed, the interviewer said, "You get \$300 for skilled labor." His cousin was upset, and complained, "He isn't skilled labor; all he did was hold up a woman's undergarments and say, 'Dees'll fit her.'"

Thought for the Day:

If we have a box in which we keep our money, we know that one thing we must always give attention to is the key; we never think that the key *is* the money, but we know that without the key we cannot get our money.

Our Blessed Mother is like the key. Without her we can never get to Our Lord, because He came through her. She is not to be compared to Our Lord, for she is a creature and He is the Creator. But if we lose her, we cannot get to Him. That is why we pay so much attention to her; without her we could never understand how that bridge was built between Heaven and earth.

--Venerable Fulton J. Sheen





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Faith Formation



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Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

How Does the Holy Spirit Help Us To Live as Disciples of Jesus Christ?

Every day we are called to live the Sacrament of Confirmation. How do we do that? We are guided by the Holy Spirit who enables us to be disciples of Jesus. With the gift of faith, hope and love, we are called to witness all that we believe. The Sacrament of Confirmation helps us to do this. As disciples we carry the mission of Jesus out into the world. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to do this.

A great example of living the Sacrament of Confirmation can be seen in St. Teresa of Calcutta. She heard God calling her to help the poor. She used the gift of courage to change her life. She went out into the streets to care for forgotten people who were sick and dying. She took them in, fed them, cared for them and talked to them. She spoke up for them when they couldn't speak for themselves (social justice). She treated them with love, respect and dignity because she saw the face of Jesus in every person!

St. Teresa lived the gospel every day, prayed every day and asked God to give her the strength to do what needed to be done for others (Corporal Works of Mercy). This wasn't always easy, but she used the gifts of wisdom, understanding, courage, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord which gave her a permanent disposition that allowed her to follow God's inspirations much easier.

By living out the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we gain the fruits of the Spirit. "These are perfections formed in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity" CCC1832

We too are called to pray to the Holy Spirit for the courage and love to serve others each day. We too can change our lifestyle just as St. Teresa did. All of us, whether we have been confirmed or not, are called to live Spirit-filled lives. Why? Because at baptism we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. This gift reminds us that God is at work in our lives and in our Church.

Confirmation "confirms" the promise that was made at baptism. Confirmation strengthens us for our daily living in faith. It is Jesus Christ "confirming" himself in us! At Pentecost the apostles were transformed. We too can be changed!

Learning about our faith is for everyone (from womb to tomb). It gives us strength to accept the challenges of the gospel and transforms us to become what God created us to be – DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ!

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Adult Confirmation

Adults 16 years of age or older, who desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and have been baptized in the Catholic Church and received First Holy Communion, may enter an 8-week preparation process that takes place twice a year: once in the fall leading up to the Feast of Christ the King, and the second in the spring leading up to Pentecost.

Our preparation session this fall will begin the week of September 20th and run through the week of November 8th, with celebration of the sacrament on Sunday, November 21st at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 or you may email me at kovalcik@iccatholic.org This offering is FREE to all interested.

Have a great week!
Tina Kovalcik, DRE

Now Registering for Faith Formation 2021-2022 Ages 3-5 and Grades K-8

We need your help! If you have not yet registered for Faith Formation, please do!

We are in the process of gathering and training enough catechists to teach this fall. If you don't have time to complete the registration form, please call 586-725-1762 or email us at ffsecretary@iccatholic.org and let us know if you plan on attending the Monday sessions or the Sunday sessions

Lord, What Are You Calling Me To Do?

"Christ's disciples were never meant to carry out her divine mandate to evangelize on the basis of human resources alone. Christ has endowed His bride with an abundance of supernatural charisms, gifts of the Holy Spirit that equip every member of the body of Christ to do his or her part in bearing witness to Christ and building up the Church. These gifts range from the simple and humble to the extraordinary (Romans 12:6-7; 1 Corinthians 12). The foundation and standard for using these gifts are always love (1 Corinthians 13)."

Archbishop Allen Vigneron,
Archdiocese of Detroit Unleash the Gospel—Marker 4.3

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. Our 10-week session begins September 8th at 6:30pm. Please register no later than September 1st so that we may order and receive materials in time for our first gathering. Call the Faith Formation Office to register.



Grateful for a Blessed Families of Parishes Gathering!



Thank you to everyone who attended our Families of Parishes Gathering on August 3rd. It was truly a blessed event as we started with Mass and Adoration and joined together for an array of foods and fellowship! The room was a roar with new friendships being formed and plans made to attend events within our Family! Your presence and open heart made it great and for that we could not begin to thank you enough!

A huge thank you as well to the many people who worked on the event! The time you gave and/or items you brought certainly made the event a beautiful outpouring of His love and we are grateful!

Together we are the Blue Water Southern Family united in the Body and Blood of Christ!



What Have Our Knights been Up To?? Plenty !!



Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

Mon. Aug. 16th, St. Stephen of Hungary: St. Stephen was born at Pannonia around the year 969. After his baptism he was crowned king of Hungary in the year 1000. As the first Christian king of Hungary, he united and Christianized the Magyar people. He received the "holy crown" from Pope Sylvester II in 1000. As king he was very just with his subjects, peaceful and pious, exactly observing the laws of the Church and ever seeking the welfare of his people. He founded many dioceses, and spent great energy in fostering the work of the Church. He was renowned for his charity to beggars; known as the "apostolic King and apostle of Hungary." He died in 1038.

Thurs., Aug. 19th, St. John Eudes, Priest: St. John Eudes was born in the diocese of Seez in France in the year 1601. After his ordination to the priesthood, he spent several years in giving mission, then he founded in 1643 the Congregation of Jesus and Mary for training the clergy and the Sisters of the Good shepherd to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes, to lead Christian lives. He promoted great devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary. He died in 1680.

Fri., Aug. 20th, St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church: St. Bernard was born in 1090 near Dijon in France. After a religious upbringing, he joined the Cistercians in 1111 and later was chosen abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux. There he directed his companions in the practice of virtue by his own good example. He was a reformer and spiritual author (e.g., *On Loving God*; 86 sermons on the *Canticle of Canticles*). He preached against the Albigensians. He founded 68 monasteries; preached the 2nd Crusade; denounced injustice and worked for peace; known as Doctor mellifluus (Pope Pius XII encyclical on St. Bernard, the last of the Fathers). He died in 1153. He is the patron of Gibraltar.

Sat., Aug. 21st, St. Pius X, Pope: Pius X died in 1914. He undertook liturgical and canonical reforms, especially Holy Communion for children and frequent Holy Communion for adults. He issued the papal encyclical "*Lamentabili and Pascendi dominici gregis*" in 1907 which condemned Modernism. He wished to "renew all things in Christ." He is the patron saint of sick pilgrims.

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

Deacon SpeaKen

Have you ever been asked to pray for someone and wondered what to do or how to do it? Have you ever considered yourself to be a prayer intercessor? If so, I recommend the book, *Unleashing the Power of Intercessory Prayer* by Joseph Hollcraft. It may be ordered thru Sophia Institute Press.

There are nine Chapters (keys) with (26 tips). The keys are: 1. Pray in the Spirit, 2. Pray in Faith, 3. Pray from the Heart, 4. Pray Fervently, 5. Pray on the Spot, 6. Pray with Specifics, 7. Pray in Friendship with Christ, 8. Pray in Thanksgiving and Praise to God, 9. Pray with Mary. The book ends with a Suggested Prayer of Intercession and the conclusion.

We are called to pray for others with deepest intimacy with Jesus Christ.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1Thess 5:16-18

God bless, Deacon Ken

Sacristans Needed

Have you ever considered being a sacristan, altar server? If you are able to attend morning Mass during the week, then you can fulfill a dream and serve our parish community. You will be trained to prepare the items needed for Mass, light the candles, serve during Mass.

Please pray for guidance and then call the parish office. "Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment of the inheritance; be slaves of the Lord Christ."

Col. 3:23-24

Please Don't Leave Rosaries in Grotto

Rosaries left in the grotto eventually succumb to the elements and fall apart. They get dirty, full of spider webs and have to be disposed of. Our Lady in the grotto holds a beautiful rosary.

We will be getting an outdoor plant stand, so those that want, can leave fresh flowers in front of the Mary statue (instead of climbing through the flower bed and placing flowers in the grotto). Thank you, and have a blessed day.





DISCOVER GOD'S CALL FOR YOUR LIFE

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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 Principal, 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



Scott Hahn Reflects on The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On this feast, we praise God who has taken the sinless Virgin Mary, body and soul, into His glory.

In our first reading, from Revelation, we find God's temple in heaven opened and the Ark of the Covenant revealed. The most sacred item in Israel's history, the Ark had been missing since the Temple's destruction in 586 B.C. Thus, John reports some startling news. Even more startling is his revelation that the sacred vessel is now a woman, who is mother of the royal Son of David, the Messiah.

Of this woman, then, we sing to God as the ancient Israelites sang: "The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold." In the court of King Solomon, we glimpse Israel's traditional arrangement: Solomon's mother, Bathsheba, takes her place at the king's right hand (see [1 Kings 2:19](#)).

At Mary's Assumption, as we see in Revelation, the queen once again takes her place at the right hand of the Son of David.

Our second reading shows us why this is fitting: "in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order." What is implicit in St. Paul's statement is revealed in Revelation. The consummation of Christ's work has begun, as is proper, with the Assumption of the queen mother.

John's Apocalypse shows also the fulfillment of our Gospel. There, Mary, pregnant with Jesus, retraces the steps of David as he brought the Ark to Jerusalem (see [2 Samuel 6](#)). Mary "arose and went" into the hill country, just as David "arose and went" to that region. Upon Mary's arrival, Elizabeth is awestruck, just as David was before the Ark. The encounter causes the baby John to leap with excitement, as David leapt before the Ark. And Mary stayed in the "house of Zechariah" for "three months," as the Ark remained in the "house of Obed-edom" for the same period.

Mary is the vessel of God's presence, and she is queen mother. She reigns now in splendor with Jesus in the heavenly Jerusalem



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
- Richard Barch
- Tim Brent
- Theresa Cangelosi
- Karen Cummings
- Dennis Cyr
- Georgene Ebner
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Mark Golden
- Tom Hickerson
- Carol & Donald Keller
- Mary Kot
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- Tom Lemanski
- Melissa McDonner
- Barbara Binnall Meldrum
- Susan Neumann
- Barbara Novack
- Bob Novack
- Matthew Novak
- Courtney Palmerchuck
- Guy & Titi Ratchford
- Grace Schmuck
- Scott Simons
- Joanne Smyth
- Gina Stahovick
- Elianna Grace Tomczak
- Delphine Wegryn



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 16

8:30am

- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory— by The Kandler Family
- Holly Delis — Healing & Intentions — by The Cornwell Family

7:00pm

For the Sins of Our Country

Tuesday, August 17

6:30pm

- † Mae Vernier — by Her Family
- † Christopher Sommers — by Kathy Wyzykowski

Wednesday, August 18

8:30am

- For Full Retreats Protection & Blessings Upon OSMM Ministry
- † Cory “CJ” Kuhr — by Ray

Thursday, August 19

8:30am

- † Theresa VanTiem — by The IC Funeral Greeters
- Blessings & Protection on Fr Joe Esper — by The Divine Mercy Group

Friday, August 20

8:30am

- † Katie Meldrum — by Deacon Ken & Gloria
- Special Intentions of Ray Somogy — by James

Saturday, August 21

4:30pm

- † Edmund Fisher — by The Fisher Family
- † Mary Ann Gladki — by The Fisher Family

Sunday, August 22

8:00am

— For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

10:00am

- † Joe Savoyard — by Mel & Carol
- † Catherine Fisher — by Her Family

12:00pm

- † Veronica Kish — by Russ Smith & Bebe Shaddock
- † Poor Souls in Purgatory — by Patrick & Kathy McCormick



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.



Today's Intentions

4:30pm

- † Jack McKenzie
- † Marjorie & Al Rudolph

8:00am

— The People of IC

10:00am

- † Kathy DeBusschere
- † Jennifer Pavlov Askew

12:00pm

- † Tom Lada
- † McCormick Family & Friends

August 21 & 22, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Avery Whitenight	Cara Ritchey	Gabriel Bright	Jack Luzynski (sub req.)
EMHC	John Hillerman - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Nancy Sommers - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Peter Cornwell - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Deacon Ken - Host (1) Sandra Zinevich - Host (2) Celebrant - Host
LECTORS	Theresa Austin	Joseph Ogilvy	Robert Dubay	Megan Laesch
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Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night



The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you are or if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night
In-person at Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
7:00 – 8:30 pm
RSVP – Dewimille.erin@aod.org
Wives are HIGHLY encouraged to attend

St. Vincent dePaul Needs Our Help

Hello from St. Vincent dePaul, **We are in desperate need of donations so that we may help friends in this area.** Now that the eviction moratorium is lifted we anticipate the need for help in our area will increase tremendously we continue to be very busy helping with rent and utilities.

If you can find it in your heart & budget to help those in need, please look for envelopes at the exits. Or you may simply drop your contribution in the poor boxes also located at the exits. Checks may be payable to SVdP.

All donations are welcome and appreciated.



Special Recognition by Council 10724



Family of the Month for August: This month I have the honor of recognizing **The Sebastian Family** – Our Brother Knight and Worthy Treasurer Bryant & his amazing son, Joseph ... what more can I say ... Bryant always shows up and puts out 110% for our Council and Joseph is right there with him, the Dynamic Duo – Like Father – Like Son ... Joseph, you can already tell is a chip off the old block. Ashley ... again, what more can I say ... Super IC Mom and Super IC Teacher and Super IC Catechist and it's no secret that Lydia & Claire are adorable and some of the best behaved children in Church ...the list goes on ... A truly beautiful Catholic Family that lives by their Faith *and it shows*. Bryant will be one of our Chef's at the 30th Anniversary BBQ we are hosting this fall, on September 25th!

Knight of the Month for August: It is with great honor that we recognize our most recent **PGK** and thank **Brother Jim Haase** for his commitment to Christ and the health and wellbeing of our Au Lac Council. Without a blink, Jim transitioned from WGK to filling several key roles in our Council including 1st Year Trustee, Health & Services Director & Retention Chair! Jim's passion for our Council carried us through the Pandemic and earned us three consecutive Star Council Awards and two consecutive Columbian Awards! *Jim, you are a model Knight*, and we thank you and commend you! Keep up the great work Pal, *your enthusiasm is contagious!*

Vivat Jesus!

Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

July 25 - August 1, 2021

Offertory	
Envelopes	\$10,433.04
E-Giving	\$2,728.00
Loose.	\$458.57
TOTAL	\$13,619.61
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
Thank You !	



2021 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$71,022
Budgeted Goal:	\$125,230
Amount to Goal	\$54,208
Number Pledges Received	200
Thank You !	

Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. Would a WWMD bracelet make just as much sense, and maybe more? What Would Mary Do?

Would you argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived? Her answer was always “Yes.” Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way, she was a mere creation, like us, but somehow, she always had the courage to say **yes**. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example? ©LPi

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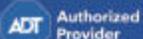
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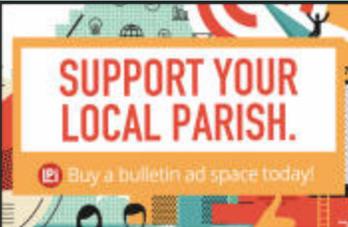
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