



The Spotlight

Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

September 5, 2021

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service

A graphic for Patriot Day featuring a stylized American flag with stars and stripes, overlaid on a city skyline. The text 'PATRIOT DAY' and 'SEPTEMBER 11' is prominently displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font.

PATRIOT DAY

SEPTEMBER 11

*You are my refuge and my shield:
I have put my hope in Your Word.*

Psalm 119:114

Mass Times & Information

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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www.iccatholic.org

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 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)

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, call the parish office, 586-725-3051, if you need help.



MON 6 Labor Day — Parish Office Closed
 9:00am.....Labor Day Mass
 6:00pm.....SoulCore



Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

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

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

WED 8 8:30am.....Mass
 6:30pm.....Called & Gifted
 7:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal

Col 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

THUR 9 8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 9:30am.....Book Discussion & Prayer
 6:30pm.....Book Discussion & Prayer
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

FRI 10 8:30am.....Mass
 9:30-12:00pmEucharistic Adoration

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

SAT 11 3:30pm.....Confessions
 4:30pm.....Mass

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49

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

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Fr. Joe's Jottings

The following Labor Day reflection is from the Christophers' book *Three Minutes A Day* (Vol. 49):

"In conversation during a ride to the airport, a rabbi learned that his young driver had stopped being religious. 'So, Rabbi, what do you say to a Jew like me who hasn't been in a synagogue since his bar mitzvah ceremony?'

"The rabbi took advantage of their few minutes together to encourage the cabbie to see the honor of his labor. The rabbi said that an attentive and caring driver could facilitate many human connections.

"For instance, he said, his next fare might be a woman being discharged home from the hospital. 'You could be a small part of her healing process, an agent in her re-entry into the world of health,' he added.

"Or, the rabbi said, 'You might drive someone just back from seeing a dying parent. You're one of the unseen people who make the world work as well as it does. That is holy work.'"

Each one of us is capable of performing "holy work," because we all have opportunities of helping or touching other people and making their lives a little easier. Even the smallest act of kindness can help build up the Kingdom of God and make this world a better place. The Lord invites us to be part of His ongoing "re-creation" or redemption of the world in this way—and this means that each one of us has an important mission or purpose in life, and that our acts of faith and love do make a difference.

Tomorrow morning's Labor Day Mass will be at 9am, and the parish office will be closed for the holiday.

The question of whether or not to be vaccinated against Covid-19 and its mutations has become highly controversial. The Church declared that two of the four vaccines (those by Astrazeneca and Johnson & Johnson) were morally unacceptable because of their direct link to abortion (involving the use of fetal tissue from an aborted baby). Because this link was less direct in the other two vaccines (those by Pfizer and Moderna), they were ruled to be morally acceptable (though some persons with strong pro-life convictions still believe them to be morally compromised because of their indirect connection to abortion).

The Holy Father, along with many bishops and priests, has been vaccinated, thereby lending legitimacy to the procedure; furthermore, some religious and social commentators suggest that adults have a moral obligation to receive the vaccine for the good of the larger community.

Those on the other side of the issue, however, claim that Catholic moral teaching, because of its respect for the rights of an individual, does not *require* anyone to be vaccinated or allow political authority to mandate such a procedure (a true statement), and that the vaccination process is in fact a huge medical experiment with an insufficient testing period and the potential for many unknown and potentially terrible side effects (up to and including death).

This statement is also true; in addition, in contemporary private revelation, some alleged messages from Our Lord and Our Lady strongly warn against receiving the vaccine.

What should we believe, and what should we do? There is no easy answer to such questions, and the issue is far too complicated to explore in any depth in a short bulletin column. However, there is room to emphasize an important point: whenever Heaven (allegedly) warns against a danger, it also provides a solution.

During a series of apparitions from 1899 to 1910 at the Holy Mountain of San Lorenzo in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Mary allegedly gave a "recipe" for something that became known as Good Friday Oil. This same formula was also supposedly given by St. Joseph to St. Andre Bessette of Canada in the first half of the 20th century. (It involves preparing blessed oil in a particular manner at 3am on Good Friday while saying certain prayers in honor of Jesus and Mary.)

Our Lord has allegedly promised that anyone who now regrets having received the Covid-19 vaccine (whether willingly or under duress) can be spared of any negative side-effects of the vaccination, and be protected from any future pandemic, simply by being anointed with this oil—**providing that he or she has complete faith in Jesus' power to heal and save.**

This anointing is not a Sacrament (such as the Sacrament of Anointing, also known as the Sacrament of the Sick), but a *sacramental*—a holy item, action, or prayer of the Church whose effectiveness depends on the recipient's belief in its spiritual power.

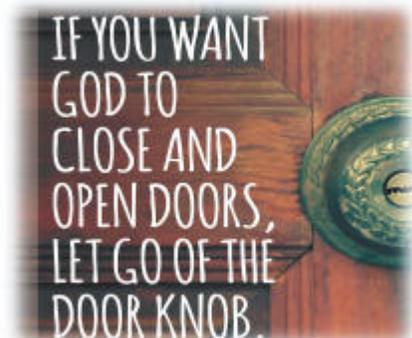
After all the Masses next weekend (September 11-12), I will be offering an anointing with Good Friday oil (*not* the Sacrament of the Sick) for anyone wishing to receive it. Please remember: this anointing is not "magic" or anything superstitious, but an express of faith in Our Lord's healing power and His love for all people.

A high school religion teacher asked her students, "What is Matrimony?" A girl raised her hand and answered, "It's a Sacrament which ignites a man and a woman."

Thought for the Day:

All devotion that leads to sloth [laziness] is false. We must love work.

--St. Zita



Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

RCIA Inquiry Gatherings Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is the process by which adults join the Catholic Church. The RCIA sessions take place within the context of the parish community, and after a suitable period of formation, culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Formation includes several areas following the Encounter, Grow, Witness paradigm.

- Scripture:** The Stories of God's People
Teaching: What Catholics Believe
Prayer: How We Communicate With God
Liturgy: How the Community Worships
Mission: How We Live out What We Believe

RCIA is for adults who were baptized Catholic but have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA is also for those baptized in another Christian faith tradition and wish to become Catholic and for those who have never been baptized and wish to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, please call the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762.

Our formal sessions begin on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00am in the school library.

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 fall session 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. 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

New families are welcome! If your child is entering 1st grade in the fall and you would like them to prepare to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the 2nd grade, please register now! We are offering two programs to choose from.

Traditional Program gatherings for Grades 1-8 meet every Monday from 5:15-6:30pm beginning September 20th through May 9th.

Whole Family Catechesis meets once a month on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:45am beginning September 26th through May 8th.



Disciples Den

Our early childhood formation sessions are for children ages 3, 4 and 5 years of age. Join us in the school during the 10:00am Mass, September 26th through May 8th.

Registration information can be found on our parish website at www.iccatholic.org/faith-formation or call/email the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 or email ffsecretary@iccatholic.org - We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Holy Spirit Employment Agency

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 September 26th for grades 4, & 5 and every Monday beginning September 20th for Kindergarten and 3rd grade.

I encourage all adults to prayerfully consider whether this rewarding ministry is right for you! All volunteers must be cleared through our Safe Environment program and have a cleared background check on file. Call the Faith Formation Office to inquire.



How Is God Calling You ?

Last call to take advantage of this life changing workshop! We begin September 8 at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you would like to attend this 10-week workshop.



**Join us for a
Coffee House
experience with
Randy and Nick Proctor!**

When: Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021
**Time: Doors open following the 4:30pm Mass.
 Event starts at 6pm.**
**What: Food and music (nachos, snacks and
 desserts, coffee, tea, pop and water)**
**Where: Immaculate Conception Parish Hall
 9764 Dixie Hwy, Ira MI 48023**
**Cost: Free Will donation to benefit
 First Responders**

**Hosted by Evangelization
 You are invited!**

**Call or Text Laura for more information
 810.334.5101**





**IMMACULATE
 CONCEPTION
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**3 & 4 Yr. Pre-K
 Full-Day Kindergarten
 Grades 1-8**

*Confidence in Education,
 Anchored In Faith, Prepared for Life*

Sponsor a Classroom at Immaculate Conception!

Your funding will help defray the costs associated with classroom materials and supplies needed to provide a rigorous education for the students of Immaculate Conception.



**What will you receive when you sponsor a classroom,
 besides an A+ in community spirit?**

BRONZE SPONSOR \$250	SILVER SPONSOR \$500	GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates from the Teacher about the classroom • Updates from the Students themselves 	All Bronze items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second row seating at our school's Spring Musical held in May 2022 	All Bronze and Silver items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free monthly advertising in the Spotlight, the school's bi-weekly newsletter (for businesses)



If you are interested, please contact Mr. Ricard at the school office: 586-725-0078.

Thank you in advance!

*** The 4th / 5th grade classrooms have already been sponsored!!!

Book Discussion and Prayer Group begins September 9, 2021!

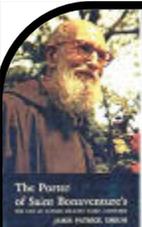
Do you enjoy reading and discussing books that provide awesome advice on how to live our faith and learn what pleases God the most as we grow Deeper in our relationship with Him and are strengthened by the richness of our Catholic faith?

Do you enjoy praying for others and joining in fellowship?

If you answered yes, please pick a book and time that works for you.

Two books and two times to choose from:

The Porter of Saint Bonaventure's, the Life of Father Solanus Casey, or The Diary of Saint Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul!

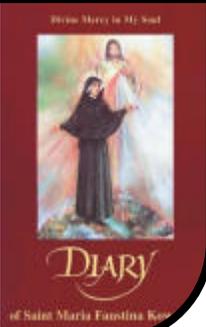


Morning Group Sept. 9 at 9:30am

Meets every other Thursday
in the Parish Hall.
\$12 for the book.

Evening Group Sept. 9 at 6:30pm

We will be taking this journey with a discussion program designed by the Marians of the Immaculate Conception and will be reading the Diary along with sections of the Catechism and Scripture, as we learn about Jesus' message of mercy and love as given directly by Jesus to Saint Faustina.
\$9 for the book.



To register for either book discussion, please contact Laura Somogy at 810-334-5101 (call or text). Please state if you will be needing a copy of the book.



Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Archdiocese of Detroit requires that all adults over the age of 18, who will be **volunteering with children, elderly or handicap persons** in any way attend this free workshop.

If you wish to chaperone a class trip, help at a school or faith formation event, take communion to the home-bound or help in any other capacity where you will be around children, elderly or handicap persons, you will need to attend this workshop!

To register, please go online to www.virtus.org. Contact Colleen with any questions, cwooten@icatholic.org or call the parish office.

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

5:30pm Light Meal

Workshop 6pm to 9pm in the Parish Hall

Funeral Lunches Return

Funeral lunches for Immaculate Conception will return after Labor Day. People who signed up to help will be called when we know what the time and dates will be.

Usually we have only two or three days notice. Thanks to all who did sign up. God Bless

Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

Wed., Sept. 8th, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This fifth century feast marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem built, according to tradition, on the location of the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary, patroness of Cuba.

Thurs., Sept. 9th, St. Peter Claver, Priest: Peter Claver, died on Sept. 8, 1654, was a Catalonian Jesuit who served in the Columbian mission in Cartagena for 38 years. He was devoted to caring for African persons who were held in captivity to be slaves in the New World. He baptized over 300,000 persons. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever". He is the patron saint of Columbia and of all missions to black peoples. This memorial has been included in the Universal Calendar in the Roman Missal, as an optional memorial; but it is obligatory in the USA.

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; (b.) The Liturgy of the Hours, Vol. IV.

ACTS THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES Bible Study!

Two times to choose from!
9:30am or 6:30pm.
Location: Immaculate
Conception Parish Hall

Starts September 16 and runs every other Thursday through January 27.



We will be using a video and discussion series called Lectio from Formed. Dr. Mary Healy will be our video presenter as we explore "Acts of the Apostles" and dive into what it means to live out the Gospel message in today's society.

Please register by contacting Laura at 810 334-5101 (call or text) or call the Parish Office at 586 725-3051.

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



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

Fuel The Mission

St. Paul wrote to the Colossians "Whatever you do, do from the heart" (Colossians 3:23).

As we face so many challenges in 2021, we are reminded of our call as missionary disciples to act out of the heart that God has formed in us. The CSA raises funds that make our work possible, including supporting more than 100 ministries, programs, and services. This includes helping the hungry and homeless, support for our parishes, priests and seminarians, and promoting the work of the Catholic schools, and so much more.

We ask you to help us Fuel the Mission by supporting the 2021 CSA. Please consider making a gift today.

All Things Well: Scott Hahn Reflects on The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see [Genesis 1:31](#)).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

*God saw all that he had made,
and it was very good.*

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see [Revelation 21:1-5](#)). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.



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
- Richard Barch
- Theresa Cangelosi
- Karen Cummings
- Dennis Cyr
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Mark Golden
- Baby Halie Henderson
- Tom Hickerson
- Mary Kot
- Marlene Krul
- Tom Lemanski
- Michael McCormick
- Melissa McDonner
- Barbara Binnall Meldrum
- Mary Ann Milko
- Susan Neumann
- Barbara Novack
- Bob Novack
- Matthew Novak
- Guy & Titi Ratchford
- Grace Schmuck
- Scott Simons
- Joanne Smyth
- Gina Stahovick
- Elianna Grace Tomczak
- Delphine Wegryn



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 6

8:30am

- † Michael Mertz — by His Family
- Blessings & Protection Upon Fr. Joe Esper

Tuesday, September 7

6:30pm

- † Michael Faubert — Birthday Remembrance — by His Sister, Dianne
- † Norbert Biebuyck — by His Family

Wednesday, September 8

8:30am

- Intentions of Ray Somogy — by James
- † Stella Mieczkowski — by Her Family

Thursday, September 9

8:30am

- All Persecuted Priests — by The Mayle Family
- † Wilfred Rowley — by Tom & Sandy

Friday, September 10

8:30am

- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory — by The Kandler Family
- † Barbara Bauer — by Tom & Sandy

Saturday, September 11

4:30pm

- † Greg Simons — by His Mother
- † William Kolodziejczak — by His Sister, Mary Ann Milko

Sunday, September 12

8:00am

- † Esther Nolan — by Her Family
- † Helen & Gerald Brown — by Andy & Betty Nagaitis

10:00am

- Blessings & Protection Upon Bishop Robert Fisher
- by The IC Staff

- † Patricia Day — by Terry McNally

12:00pm

- For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish



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.



Today's Intentions

4:30pm

- The People of IC

8:00am

- † Theresa VanTiem
- † Christopher Sommers

10:00am

- Barb & Mike Hoef & Family
- † Virginia Savoyard

12:00pm

- † Katie Meldrum
- † Poor Souls in Purgatory

September 11 & 12, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Avery Whitenight	Alexis Kiley	Jack Luzynski	Quinn Hall
EMHC	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Nancy Sommers - Host (1) Kathleen Wyzkowski - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Deacon Ken - Host (1) Annette Kinter - Host (2) Celebrant - Host	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Ashley Sebastian - Host (2) Celebrant - Host
LECTORS	Theresa Austin	Joseph Ogilvy	Stan Lisica	Megan Laesch
USHERS	Kurt Goldenbogen James Haase Steve Witkowski	Annie Clancy Bob Clancy Nicholas Clancy Anthony Robinson Richard Robinson Mark Savoie	George Grobbel Mel McCallum Ron Mermuys Jim Polcyn	Garrett Bont Anthony Drewek Rob Kuss Terry Paganes
GREETERS		Mary Jo Frank	Kim Gutenschwager	Eliana Hogarth Bryant Sebastian
SACRISTAN	Tom Dunn	Ted Stawiasz	Janis Cornwell	Ed Gates



Knights Of Columbus
Golf Outing
Sunday Sept. 12th

Immaculate Conception Parish
Council 10724

Marysville Golf Course
2080 River Rd.
Marysville, MI 48040
810-364-4653

<p><u>Schedule:</u></p> <p>Registration - 12pm</p> <p>Shotgun Start - 1pm</p> <p>4 Person Scramble</p> <p>Mens and Womens Flight</p> <p>Limited to 120 Golfers</p> <p><u>Fees:</u></p> <p>Golf per person - \$75</p> <p>Hole Sponsor - \$100</p>	<p><u>Registration Form:</u></p> <p>Player 1: _____</p> <p>Player 2: _____</p> <p>Player 3: _____</p> <p>Player 4: _____</p> <p>Email: _____ (must be provided)</p> <p>Donation Only \$: _____</p> <p>Hole Sponsor \$: _____</p>
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Brisket Dinner From CROSSFIRE GRILL

Mail registration form and payment to:
Brian Lents, 9618 Maynard, Clay, MI 48001

Please make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus 10724

Kapaun's Men

Immaculate Conception, Ira

IRON SHARPENS IRON so a man
Sharpens His Friend
PROVERBS 27:17



Are you looking for a Catholic Men's study group where we learn the faith, talk about issues that pertain to today's world, while holding true to our Catholic faith?



We meet every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the Parish hall at 9:30am and ends at 10:30am, with fellowship following until 11am.



Starts Saturday, September 25, 2021 (9:30am)
Contact Ray Somogy: 810.841.1218 (Text preferred)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

August 16 - 22, 2021

Offertory	
Envelopes	\$7,692.00
E-Giving	\$3,383.00
Loose.	\$291.01
TOTAL	\$11,366.01
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
Thank You!	



2021 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$79,627
Budgeted Goal:	\$125,230
Amount to Goal	\$45,603
Number Pledges Received	216
Thank You!	

Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

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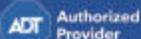
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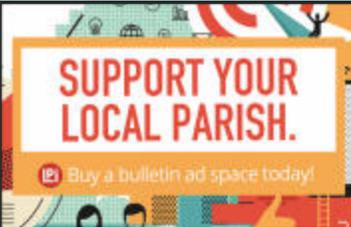
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