



# The Spotlight

## Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Enter for Worship, Depart for Service*

# Catechetical Sunday



## Blessing of Catechists

Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, your followers were frightened and alone; You had just been put to death on a cross. They met a man on the road leading away from Jerusalem who told them all about You and what Your presence among them meant. They did not realize that the man speaking and walking with them was You, raised from the dead. When their eyes were opened and they received the gift of faith, they turned around to spread the word.

We ask You to bless all Your disciples who now work as catechists in our parish. Bless them and give encouragement to their work, that it will have an impact upon the world.

We ask all this in Your name, Jesus, our companion on the road from Emmaus. Amen

# Mass Times & Information

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
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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 [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 20**  
 8:30am.....Mass  
 7:00pm.....Mass of Reparation  
 Eꝓr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

**TUES 21**  
 8:00 & 9:15am..... SoulCore  
 6:30pm.....Mass  
 7:15-9:00pm .....Eucharistic Adoration  
 Eꝓh 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Dt 9:9-13

**WED 22**  
 8:30am.....Mass  
 6:30pm.....Called & Gifted  
 7:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm.....Adult Confirmation Preparation  
 Eꝓr 9:5-9/6b 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

**THUR 23**  
 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  
 1ꝑr 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

**FRI 24**  
 8:30am.....Mass  
 9:30-12:00pm .....Eucharistic Adoration  
 1ꝑg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

**SAT 25**  
 9:30am.....Kapaun's Mens Group  
 3:30pm.....Confessions  
 4:30pm.....Mass  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

**SUN 26**  
 8:00am.....Mass  
 10:00am.....Mass  
 12:00pm.....Mass  
 1:00pm.....Youth Group  
 1ꝓm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Dk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## Fr. Joe's Jottings

St. Pius X reigned as Pope from 1903 until his death in 1914. He once granted an audience to a woman of nobility who also happened to be fabulously wealthy. She considered herself to be a good Catholic, and also a person of immense importance and influence. As she knelt in front of the Holy Father to receive his blessing, she asked, "What can I do for the Church, Your Holiness?" The tone of her voice indicated that she expected some high and mighty assignment, something suitable for a person of her refinement and dignity. To her great chagrin, however, Pope Pius simply responded, "Teach catechism."

Contrary to what some people may assume, sharing the Faith with young people by teaching religious education classes is a highly valuable and significant form of ministry—and today we publicly acknowledge and express our thanks to those parishioners who serve Immaculate Conception Parish in this manner. We are having a commissioning of our catechists at the 10am Mass today, and the Monday Faith Formation classes begin tomorrow. (It's not too late to register your children for this program if you've not already done so.)

Our Lord promises that those who teach His truths and commandments to others will be called greatest in the kingdom of Heaven (Mt. 5:19)—and we thank God for all who've answered the call to serve in this holy and essential ministry.

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We welcome back all our Faith Formation students, families, and catechists!

Last year was unusual and challenging, as classes were only held remotely—but now we are able to resume in-person instruction. This is reason to give thanks!

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**Training for new altar servers** will be held next month, on Saturday October 9 at 9:30am in church.

Any interested boy or girl, 3rd grade or older, is welcome to participate.

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Our monthly **Mass of Reparation** will be held tomorrow, Monday September 20, at 7pm. As always, the Mass will include a Eucharistic healing service, and be followed by a blessing of water, oil, salt, and religious articles.

Please note: **next month's** Mass of Reparation will be held **one week later than usual**—on Monday October 25, not October 18. (I will be away at the archdiocesan priests' convocation from the afternoon of Sunday October 17 until the following Thursday evening.)

You are welcome to join us tomorrow evening as we pray for the moral and spiritual renewal of our country. (Because of growing attendance at these Masses, the liturgy will be live-streamed over to the parish hall, where we have overflow seating.)

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Congratulations to the Au Lac Council of the Knights of Columbus, who next weekend are celebrating 30 years of service and commitment here at Immaculate Conception!

We are truly grateful for everything the Knights do, and for the wonderful difference they make in the life of our parish.

Dear K of C members: may God bless you and your families, and richly reward you for your many good deeds in helping promote and defend our Catholic Faith.

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An English school teacher planning on teaching in Switzerland for a semester wrote to the local school-master and requested his assistance in finding an apartment, and he wrote back that he was aware of a suitable unit, and would see that it was reserved in her name. Afterwards the teacher realized she had forgotten to ask if the apartment had a bathroom, or "water closet," so she wrote a second letter, asking if there was a "W.C." near the apartment.

The Swiss school-master, unfamiliar with the expression, asked his parish priest, and the two men concluded "W.C." must stand for "Wayside Chapel." Accordingly, the English teacher received this response:

*Dear Madam,*

*The local W.C. is located nine miles from the house, in the heart of a beautiful grove of trees. It will seat 150 people at one time, and is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays.*

*Some people bring their lunch and make a day of it. On Thursdays there is organ accompaniment. The acoustics are very good; the slightest sound can be heard by everyone. It may interest you to know that my daughter met her husband at the W.C.*

*We are now in the process of taking donations to purchase plush seats. We feel that this is a long-felt need, as the present seats have holes in them.*

*My wife, being rather delicate, hasn't been able to attend regularly. In fact, it has been six months since she last went. Naturally, it pains her not to be able to go more often.*

*I will close now with the desire to accommodate you in every way possible, and will be happy to save you a seat either down front or near the door, as you prefer.*

(Taken from *Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul*)

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### Thought for the Day:

What is nobler than to rule minds or to mold the character of the young? I consider that he who knows how to form the youthful mind is truly greater than all painters, sculptors, and all others of that sort.

--St. John Chrysostom



## Faith Formation

# Catechetical Sunday

### Celebrating our Catechists!

This weekend, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. On this special day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to our parish community to pass on the Catholic Faith to our families. We also celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians by recognizing their important role in teaching the faith.

When we look at the Rite of Baptism, our parents and godparents have accepted "the responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith. It is their duty to bring them up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor." At baptism, parents have promised God and the Church to fulfill this responsibility. It is wonderful to see our parents, grandparents and guardians upholding this promise to God and His Church!

Our theme this year is "Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday and every Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists in the following ministries of Faith Formation, Catholic School, RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Youth Ministry will be called forth to be commissioned. Here are our 2021-2022 Immaculate Conception Catechists:

Ann Bourgeois	Joe Ogilvy
Lisa Bracali	Melissa Ogilvy
Deacon Dave Ebner	Kelly Pennell
Jeremy Gajewski	Diane Polcyn
Kristin Galui	Mary Lou Pollock
Kim Henry	Rebecca Regier
Bethann Haslem	Lawrence Ricard
Stacie Hocker	Ashley Sebastian
Jacque Jenkin	Laura Somogy
Marianne Jennings	Flo Tozzi
Mary Beth Kalbaugh	Susan Vandermeer
Mary Ann Lents	Diane Vigneron
Tammy Marr	Sharon Vitale
John Meldrum	Theresa Whitenight
Deacon Ken Nowicki	Cristen Yaros
Dave Nummer	

As we enter into this new year, may we ask God's blessing on all our work, our service, and our lives of witness and hope. May we all be **"Disciples of Jesus: Witnesses to the Gospel."**

In Christ, Tina Kovalcik, DRE



### Altar Server Training

As a member of Immaculate Conception Parish Family, you know that our primary time together is Sunday worship. We would like to invite you to consider taking a more visible role in our Sunday liturgy by becoming an ALTAR SERVER. We do need your help, and your involvement is important to the whole IC family and our time of prayer together. You must be at least in the 3rd grade and have celebrated your First Holy Communion.

Please think about this important and rewarding ministry and discuss it with your parents. Call Mrs. Tina Kovalcik by Wednesday, October 6th if you are interested.

At this time the duties for altar servers are limited so there will be one training session on **Saturday, October 9th, from 9:30 – 10:30am** in Church. After the training session you will know what it means to be an Altar Server and the "how to's" about serving at Mass here at IC.

### 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.

<b>Scripture:</b>	The stories of God's people.
<b>Teaching:</b>	What Catholics Believe
<b>Prayer:</b>	How we communicate with God.
<b>Liturgy:</b>	How the community worships.
<b>Mission:</b>	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 to register. Our formal sessions begin on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00am in the school library.

### Faith Formation 2021-2022

#### If you missed our registration, it's not too late!

Registration information can be found on our parish website at [www.iccatholic.org/faith-formation](http://www.iccatholic.org/faith-formation) or call/email the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 or [ffsecretary@iccatholic.org](mailto:ffsecretary@iccatholic.org). We are looking forward to a great year ahead and we want you to be part of it!

Classes begin Monday, September 20th at 5pm and Sunday, September 26th at 8:30am.



**The Walk for Friends of the Poor  
Has been  
Cancelled this year**

**St. Vincent dePaul  
Needs Our Help**

We truly appreciate your generosity over the last few months. We continue to be in need of donations so that we may help friends in this area.

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.**



*Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you" when you already have it with you.*

Proverbs 3:27-28

**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"> <li>Updates from the Teacher about the classroom</li> <li>Updates from the Students themselves</li> </ul>	All Bronze items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second row seating at our school's Spring Musical held in May 2022</li> </ul>	All Bronze and Silver items as well as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free monthly advertising in the Spotlight, the school's bi-weekly newsletter (for businesses)</li> </ul>

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!!!



**Knightly News**



**Family of the Month for September:** This month I have the honor of recognizing **Keith & Mary Klein**. They continually give their time, talents and treasures to our Parish and ultimately our Lord Jesus Christ. Mary leads the Mary Garden Ministry and also co-chairs the Art & Environment Ministry, decorating our church for every Liturgical season. Keith is a very hard worker as he assisted with the removal and transport of our Coronation of Mary statue from the Grotto for restoration. Thank you for all you give and do for the IC community.

**Knight of the Month for September:** It is with great honor that we recognize our **Worthy Knight Bob Stachowski**. Bob is always helping, supporting, hauling and cooking! You saw Bob in a "made-for-framing" picture in our last month's Newsletter preparing the sausage for the K of C Breakfast at the Festival in July. Bob made his 1st Degree back on June 1, 1977 and has been a Knight for 45 years now! We sincerely thank you Bob!

Jeff Wooten, Grand Knight

**Deacon Spoken**

**Mass of Reparation is tomorrow, Monday, September 20th, at 7pm.** What is the definition of “reparation”? According to Merriam-Webster, “reparation is a repairing or keeping in repair; the act of making amends, offering expiation, or giving satisfaction for a wrong or injury; something done or given as mends or satisfaction.”

From the Catholic Dictionary, “reparation is the act or fact of making amends. It implies an attempt to restore things to their normal or sound conditions, as they were before something wrong was done. It applies mainly to recompense for the losses sustained or the harm caused by some morally bad action. With respect to God, it means making up with greater love for the failure in love through sin; it means restoring what was unjustly taken and compensating with generosity for the selfishness that caused the injury. (Etym. Latin reparare, to prepare anew, restore.)”

God invites us to become vessels of mercy by making reparation on behalf of sinners. Making reparation on behalf of others, especially when praying for them at Holy Mass, makes us instruments and intercessors of God's healing love and is a great act of mercy. The infinite merits of Christ's Passion enable us to add our daily prayers, labors, trials, and sufferings to those of the Lord: “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His Body, that is the Church.” (Colossians 1:24) “If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Come and join us, be united with Jesus Christ; and, pray for the healing of our nation.

Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and grant us healing. Praise God! Deacon Ken

**Sacristans Desperately Needed**

Have you ever considered being a sacristan? If you are able to attend morning Mass during the week, please consider serving your Church as a Sacristan. You will be trained to prepare everything for Mass and to serve during Mass.

**Please pray for guidance and call the parish office if you can help in this ministry.**

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

**Tues., Sept. 21st, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist:** According to the bishop Papias (c.125), the Church's canonical text of Matthew draws upon the Aramaic traditions associated with his name. Composed c.85, the gospel is generally arranged in an alternating pattern of narrative and discourse. Intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience, it seeks to portray Christianity as consistent with the Jewish tradition and a continuation of it. Tradition holds that Matthew preached in Judea and Ethiopia where he was martyred. The Gospel is symbolized by the winged human being (cf. Ezekiel 1); mentioned in the Roman Canon. He is the patron of accountants and custom officers.



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**Thurs., Sept. 23rd, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest:** "Padre Pio" was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent 50 years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer. He died on Sept. 23, 1968 at the age of 81. Pope St. John Paul II announced the inclusion of his Memorial in the General Roman Calendar in June 2002. He is considered the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

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



**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.

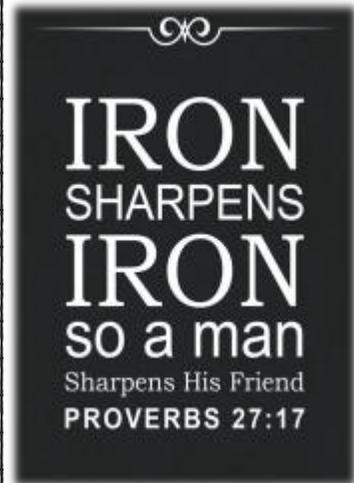
If you wish to chaperone a class trip, help at a school or faith formation event, take communion to the homebound or help in any other capacity where you will be around children, elderly or handicap persons, you will need to attend this workshop!

To register, please go online to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Contact Colleen with any questions, [cwooten@ic-catholic.org](mailto:cwooten@ic-catholic.org) or call the parish office.

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**  
**5:30pm Light Meal**  
**Workshop 6pm to 9pm**  
**in the Parish Hall**

# Kapaun's Men

Immaculate Conception, Ira



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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month in the Parish hall at 9:30am and ends at 10:30am, with fellowship following until 11am.



Starts this Saturday, September 25th (9:30am)  
Contact Ray Somogy 810-841-1218 (text preferred)



## A Weekend Away Can Help

Retrouvaille (Retro-Vi), Has Been Helping Struggling or Broken Marriages for 44 Years  
Rediscover the Love the Weekend of  
October 15-17, 2021

Visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) for more information.

A marriage help program that gives couples the opportunity to sign off, get away, and examine their lives together in a real and realistic way. It's based on the belief that marriage is the most significant relationship on earth and is worth investing your time, energy and efforts to make it the best it can be. The weekend is hard work, but more worthwhile than can ever be explained.



## From the Principal's Desk



Hello from Immaculate Conception School, **your** Catholic school. We are very excited to be back in person! Seeing the children's faces, reconnecting with one another, learning newer skills/lessons and making newer friends is always a joy. We have come back strong and pray to have another year like last year... incident free, COVID free. Please pray for our school.

We have been given a grant through the federal government called EANS. This grant helps the school purchase items to help work with COVID protocol restructuring and potential student learning loss. I am proud to share that recent analysis has shown Catholic schools performed better than our local governmental institutions on standardized testing last year. Being able to hold school via face-to-face last year is a great testimony to those scores. I cannot thank our staff and community enough for their diligence in helping keep the school clean, safe, and healthy!

Speaking of financial aid, the school has been approached by an anonymous donor who has graciously offered their financial blessing to be shared with the school. Their incredible gift will help the school purchase much needed items to help the students in a variety of capacities. But it doesn't stop there! Thank you to all the anonymous "classroom sponsors" who answered the call in last weekend's bulletin. We have three classrooms left (preschool, 7th and 8th grade) if you are interested in sponsoring. Details inside this bulletin. Thank you in advance if you are considering! But it doesn't stop there either!! Thank you to two generous families who have come to the aid of school families in financial need through scholarship grants. I wish you could see my happy dance right now with all the love and support that has come to our school. **Immaculate Conception Parish is wonderful!!!!**

Thank you to the Au Lac Knights of Columbus for helping beautify the school before it's opening. The gentlemen power washed the full outside of the building. The building looks amazing. The endless love, dedication and support that the men of the K of C give our school is highly appreciated. Vivat Jesus!

God bless you and your family and know of my prayers for you,  
Mr. Lawrence Ricard - Principal





## 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
- Dennis Cyr
- Marion Eggeman
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Kathy Kaufman Gleissner
- Mark Golden
- Baby Halie Henderson
- Tom Hickerson
- Donald Keller
- Mary Kot
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- 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 20

**8:30am**

- † Lily Kandler— Birthday Blessings — by her Family
- Intentions of Paul & Ann Sattler — by the Youth Group

**7:00pm**

- For the Sins of our Country

### Tuesday, September 21

**6:30pm**

- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory— by the Kandler Family
- Bonnie Kandler — Birthday Blessings — by her Family

### Wednesday, September 22

**8:30am**

- Blessings & Protection Upon Fr Joe — by The Daily Mass Group
- † Kathy DeBusschere — by the IC Parish Staff

### Thursday, September 23

**8:30am**

- For Full Retreats, Protection & Blessings on OSMM Ministry
- † Patricia Madeline Fehribach — by Deacon Ken & Gloria

### Friday, September 24

**8:30am**

- † Holy Souls in Purgatory— by the Mayle Family
- † Millie Cyranski — By Mary Kot

### Saturday, September 25

**4:30pm**

- † Edward & Mildred Gill— by Gloria & Family
- † Flo Lemanski — By Anni

### Sunday, September 26

**8:00am**

- For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

**10:00am**

- † Emma Wooten — by her Family
- † Edmund Fisher — by his Family

**12:00pm**

- † Frank Carly and Karilyn Fehlman — by Andy & Betty Nagaitis
- † Terry VanOverveke — By Bernice Nuyts



### 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).



### Today's Intentions

**4:30pm**

- Jocille Crowe
- † Bill Kempt

**8:00am**

- † William Kolodziejczak
- † Christopher Sommers

**10:00am**

- The People of IC

**12:00pm**

- Increase in Vocations
- † Bruce Spiekhout

## September 25 & 26, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Bridgette Brandt	Katrina Foster	Gabriel Breight	Jack Luzynski
<b>EMHC</b>	Dcn Dave Ebner - Host (1) Celebrant - Host	Edward Foster - 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
<b>LECTORS</b>	Theresa Austin	Mary Kelley	Jeffrey Wooten	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>		Mary Jo Frank	Kim Gutenschwager	Eliana Hogarth Bryant Sebastian
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Tom Dunn	Ted Stawiasz	Janis Cornwell	Ed Gates

### Servant of All: Scott Hahn Reflects on The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see [Mark 8:31](#); [10:33-34](#)).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . ." (compare [Matthew 27:41-43](#)).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see [Mark 8:33](#)). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they

must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see [Philippians 2:5-11](#)). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy."





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### August 30 - September 5, 2021

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Loose.	<u>\$372.01</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,734.73</b>
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
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<b>2021 Catholic Services Appeal</b>	
Pledged Amount:	<b>\$84,132</b>
Budgeted Goal:	<b>\$125,230</b>
Amount to Goal	<b>\$41,098</b>
Number Pledges Received	222
<b>Thank You!</b>	

### Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments The View From the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for —

sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the *other place*.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

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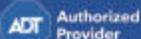
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