



The Spotlight

Immaculate Conception Church

Ira Township, Michigan

September 26, 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service

*"We Are Each of Us Like a Small Mirror
In Which God Searches
For His Reflection."*

St. John Vianney

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.

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.



THIS WEEK AT IC

MON 27
 8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Loving Hands
 5:15pm.....Faith Formation
 7:00pm.....HandBells Practice

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50

TUES 28
 8:00 & 9:15am.....SoulCore
 5:30pm.....Protecting God's Children
 6:30pm.....Mass
 7:15-9:00pm.....Eucharistic Adoration

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

WED 29
 8:30am.....Mass
 6:30pm.....Called & Gifted
 7:00pm.....Choir Rehearsal
 7:00pm.....Adult Confirmation Preparation

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

THUR 30
 8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 9:30am.....Bible Study
 6:30pm.....Bible Study
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

FRI 1
 8:30am.....Mass
 9:30-2:00pm.....Eucharistic Adoration

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

SAT 2
 9:00am.....Mass
 3:30pm.....Confessions
 4:30pm.....Mass

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

SUN 3
 8:00am.....Mass
 8:30am.....Family Faith Formation
 10:00am.....Mass
 10:00am.....RCIA
 12:00pm.....Mass
 1:00pm.....Youth Group

Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



Fr. Joe's Jottings

The following story is taken from *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (By Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen):

“Mark was walking home from school one day when he noticed the boy ahead of him had tripped and dropped all of the books he was carrying, along with two sweaters, a baseball bat, a glove and a small tape recorder. Mark knelt down and helped the boy pick up the scattered articles. Since they were going the same way, he helped to carry part of the burden. As they walked Mark discovered the boy’s name was Bill, that he loved video games, baseball and history, that he was having a lot of trouble with his other subjects, and that he had just broken up with his girlfriend.

“They arrived at Bill’s home first and Mark was invited in for a Coke and to watch some television. The afternoon passed pleasantly with a few laughs and some shared small talk, then Mark went home. They continued to see each other around school, had lunch together once or twice, then both graduated from junior high school. They ended up in the same high school where they had brief contacts over the years. Finally the long awaited senior year came, and three weeks before graduation, Bill asked Mark if they could talk.

“Bill reminded him of the day years ago when they had first met. ‘Do you ever wonder why I was carrying so many things home that day?’ asked Bill. ‘You see, I cleaned out my locked because I didn’t want to leave a mess for anyone else. I had stored away some of my mother’s sleeping pills and I was going home to commit suicide. But after we spent some time together talking and laughing, I realized that if I had killed myself, I would have missed that time and so many others that might follow. So you see, Mark, when you picked up my books that day, you did a lot more. You saved my life.’”

This true story is a powerful illustration that our simple acts of love and kindness may have a profound and long-lasting effect. God works miracles—and many times He works these miracles through us *if* we’re willing to make the effort to reach out to someone in need.

Let us pray that, through God’s grace, we may always be alert and sensitive to the suffering of those around us, and willing to respond with wisdom and compassion.

True or false: The Sacrament of Anointing (once called Extreme Unction) is intended only for persons on their deathbeds. *False.*

True or false: If a person is being anointed, this means there is no hope for his or her physical healing or recovery. *False.*

True or false: Because anointing can be so spiritually helpful and important, Catholics are always guaranteed that a priest will be readily available when needed for this purpose. *False.*

The Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing) is intended for any Catholic in poor health due to serious illness or old age, and for any Catholic facing major surgery. Because

most hospitals no longer have Catholic chaplains on staff (due to the shortage of priests), it’s a very good idea for persons about to undergo surgery to **arrange to be anointed in advance (preferably before entering the hospital)**. Also, families of patients who may be approaching death (whether in the hospital or at home) should **send for a priest sooner rather than later**—that is, *before* death is imminent, and while the person is still alert and responsive (so that he or she can also go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, and benefit from the spiritual consolation and strength of the Sacraments).

Though the Sacrament of the Sick has a spiritual or religious purpose, sometimes it also results in a marked physical improvement—but if this is to happen, the anointing should not be delayed until the final days or hours (recognizing, of course, that ultimately all things are in God’s hands).

Scripture says that those who are seriously ill (not just dying) should send for a priest to be anointed (James 5:13-15), and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, “The Anointing of the Sick is not a Sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time to receive the Sacrament has certainly arrived” (n. 1514).

Moreover, “The first grace of this Sacrament is one of strengthening, peace, and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit” (n. 1520).

Rather than waiting until the last minute, when I or another priest may not be available, please contact me in advance (by calling the parish office), or ask for the anointing immediately after Mass.

The annual **blessing of pets** will be held at the school playground on Monday October 4 (the feast of St. Francis of Assisi) at 2pm, and again at 6:30pm. All pets and their owners are welcome.

Training for new altar servers will take place on Saturday October 9 at 9:30am in church. Any interested boy or girl, 3rd grade or older, is welcome to participate.

A man charged into a jewelry shop, angrily slammed his fist on the counter, and then took off his defective wristwatch and waved it under the nose of the jeweler. “You said this watch would last me a lifetime!” he roared. “Well, yes, I did,” admitted the owner. “But you looked pretty sick the day you bought it.”

Thought for the Day:

Life is tragic for the person who has plenty to live on, but nothing to live for.

--Anonymous

Faith Formation

Live ~ Learn ~ Grow

When Does Mass End?

Two weeks ago, several people approached me and asked: "When does Mass officially end?" "Do we have to stay for the final blessing and hymn since we already prayed after Communion?" Wow! What a great question! Most often, we already know the answer without ever having to ask the question. When we don't use certain information often, we forget things. When we revisit or re-learn them, we have one of those "Ah – ha!" moments!

Every Sunday we come together as the "body of Christ", we gather at the celebration of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. All our actions, words, hymns, postures, sights, sounds, and even moments of silence at the celebration have their ultimate goal which is the glorification of God and our own transformation.

One of the most important duties that we, the faithful, are called to do at the celebration is to open ourselves up to the presence of the Holy Spirit who transforms us. The Holy Spirit is at work within us when we pray the words of the Mass with the priest and the community, as we sing the words of the hymns, as we hear and reflect on God's Word, as we stand, sit and kneel. When we proclaim our faith, we remember what Christ has done for us. As we look with loving eyes and hearts upon the precious Blessed Sacrament, as we turn to one another and extend the sign of peace- that longing to be at peace with everyone in our lives, as we pray the prayer that Jesus gave us, and we ask our Father to forgive us as we forgive others, again the Holy Spirit is moving within us, drawing us into a deeper and deeper realization of what it means when Jesus commands us to "be holy, even as the heavenly Father is holy."

When we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we come to be changed, to be transformed. In the epiclesis, the third element of the Eucharistic Prayer that the priest prays, he calls upon the power of the Holy Spirit to accept the gifts offered by human hands be consecrated, that is, become Christ's Body and Blood, and that the unblemished sacrificial victim to be consumed in Communion may be for the salvation of those who will partake of it.

In the Concluding Rite, the Priest prays prayers over the people, dismisses us so that we may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God. In the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 96 & 97, it states: "Moreover, they", the faithful, "are to form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing... The faithful, moreover, should not refuse to serve the People of God in gladness whenever they are asked to perform some particular service or function in the celebration."

We as Catholic Christians, also known as the faithful, are called to full, active participation in the Mass. We are expected to sing and remain in the assembly until the closing hymn is finished.

Quite some time ago, a close friend of mine shared this story: if you were at an elegant dinner party, and the wonderful evening was coming to a close, the guest of honor announced that he would be leaving, would you scoot out ahead of him? Would you respectfully remain until he left? Good point to ponder.

See you at Mass,
Tina Kovalcik, DRE/Pastoral Associate

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

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 or call/ email the Faith Formation Office at 586-725-1762 or ffsecretary@iccatholic.org.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead and we want you to be part of it!

Classes began Monday, September 20th at 5:15pm and will begin Sunday, September 26th at 8:30am

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

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First Reconciliation Preparation (for 2nd year students)

Each year we invite our children who have completed two years of faith formation, typically 2nd grade, to prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We do this together. In our midst, our children are modeling the community and life of the Church in which they worship, learn, care and participate. They watch us. Parents, as prime teachers, from the vow at your child's baptism, hold the key to their lifelong formation. Through your dedication of practicing a Christian lifestyle, living out the mission of the Church, prayer and Christian service, your children will flourish because of the solid foundation you have given them.

The question of readiness for the Sacraments is always a concern for parents. Let me help you with this. If you would like your child to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, please call the Faith Formation office to register, so that I may prepare materials.

Our parent meeting will be on Tuesday, October 5th, at 6:30pm in Church. We will begin our time together with Mass. Program materials, and dates, will be handed out at this gathering.

I am looking forward to seeing you and beginning our time of preparation together!

Autumn Blessings, Tina Kovalcik, DRE



Calling All Catholic Men !



The Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council 10724 here at Immaculate Conception Parish invites all Catholic men to join us and enjoy the "Knight Life". The Knights are a Catholic men's organization who lead, serve, protect and defend anyone in need. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and role models and to put charity first.

The Knights have four principles we live by: **Charity** – Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." **Unity** – None of us are as good as all of us. **Fraternity** – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died. **Patriotism** – Knights are patriotic citizens that are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both.

The Council here at IC had its chapter established 30 years ago on December 8, 1991. Over the past five years we have contributed over \$32,000 to the following causes: Elementary and High School Scholarships, Supporting Priests

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.

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.**

and Vocations, Food baskets with the Lions Club, St. Vincent dePaul for the less fortunate, Right to Life, Vets Returning Home and many others. We also donated over 60,000 volunteer hours which is the equivalent of over 30 full time employees working one year. We are an active Council supporting our Parish, IC School and the communities around us.

As members we are proud to be brothers to each and all of the 167 members in our council and brothers to the 65,000 Knights throughout Michigan. It's a pleasure to stand with and work in unity with our fellow brothers in all of the charity programs we support. It is never about attending a meeting but working with fellow members in service to others. If you are not a member please consider joining us. You are never too old to join, however you must be at least 17-1/2 years. We can always use your time and talent. The first year membership is free if you join by December 31, 2021. If God is calling you to serve others by becoming a Knight, please call our Grand Knight, Jeff Wooten at 586-909-5177.



IC Teacher Talk



Welcome back to a brand-new year! Everyone has been brimming with excitement, new classrooms, new friends, new teachers, backpacks, pencils, etc. We took a moment during religion the other day to discuss what it meant to be taking a walk with Jesus. What did we think the Shepherd would like to see while walking with His sheep?

These are the examples of Second Graders here at Immaculate Conception School.

- Cleaning my room and donating some toys
- Praying for others
- Do more around the house
- Clean, cook, and pray
- Try to make medicine that tastes good
- Find homes for the homeless
- Work hard to be nice to everyone
- Be nicer about doing chores
- Keep things watered so everything grows
- Take Jesus for a walk just to be nice

For we are His workmanship, created in **Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should **walk** in them.

Galatians 3:1-5 ESV

Thanks, Second Graders



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, or call the parish office.

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

Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

Mon., Sept. 27th, St. Vincent dePaul, Priest: Vincent dePaul, died in 1660 in Paris, was born in Pouy. He renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned. He founded in 1625 the Congregation of the Missions (Vincentians [C.M.]), which today numbers some 3,830 members; mission preachers and seminary educators. With St. Louise de Marillac, he founded the Daughters of Charity. He preached against Jansenism. He is the patron of charities, hospitals, prisoners, and of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar).

Tues., Sept. 28th, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs: Wenceslaus died in 929 at the age of 22. He was the duke of Bohemia who sought to bring the faith to his people. He was killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus. He is the patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Today, the Church commemorates 16 martyrs (13 Dominicans and 3 Tertiaries) of Nagasaki, Japan, during the years 1633 - 1637. They included 9 Japanese, 4 Spaniards, 1 Frenchman, an Italian, and the Philippino, Lawrence Ruiz, the father of a family and protomartyr of the Philippines; after enduring horrible torture, their bodies were burned and their ashes scattered by order of the ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu. They were canonized on Oct. 18, 1987.

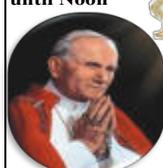
Wed., Sept. 29th, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael: These biblical messengers signify God's transcendence and loving care: Michael (meaning "Who is Like God"), Gabriel ("God's Strength"), Raphael ("God's Remedy") Michael: patron of security forces and of the sick; Gabriel: of telecommunications and the postal service; Raphael: of travelers and the blind.

Thurs., Sept. 30th, St. Jerome, Doctor of the Church: Jerome who died in 420 at Bethlehem was from Dalmatia. He was a devoted monk and ascetic. He wrote numerous commentaries on and authored Latin ("Vulgate") translations of the Bible. He is one of the 4 great doctors of the Latin Church. He is the patron of scripture scholars. He authored "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Fri., Oct. 1st, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church: Therese Martin, the "Little Flower" died on Sept. 3, 1897 of tuberculosis in the Carmel of Lisieux at the age of 24. She was born in Alencon. She was a contemplative, who in her biography, *The Story of a Soul*, urged all to follow "the little way". She was proclaimed doctor of the Church by Pope St. John Paul II on Oct. 19, 1997. She is the patroness of missions, of florists, and of France; secondary patroness of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Sat., Oct. 2nd, The Holy Guardian Angels: Observed in Spain since the 16th century, Pope Clement X assigned this Memorial in 1670 to the first free day in following Michaelmas Day.

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

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary			October 2021 Calendar of Events		Immaculate Conception	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coffee & Donuts Sunday: 10/17/21 After 10am Mass 			Dinner and a Movie is BACK! Saturday 10/9/21 Doors open after 4:30pm Mass. Event starts at 6pm Mexican Menu All donations go to St. Vincent de Paul 		St. Therese of the Child Jesus 1 8:30am First Friday Mass 9:15am Adoration until 2:30pm 	Holy Guardian Angels 2 9am 1st Sat. Mass. 3:30pm Confessions 4:30pm Mass 
Respect Life Sunday 3 8am/10am/Noon Mass 8:30am Faith Formation 10am Disciples Den, RCIA 1:30 PM "National Life Chain Sunday" Hosted by Youth Group. Open to all.	St. Francis of Assisi 4 8:30am Mass 2pm & 6:30pm Pet Blessing 5:15pm Faith Formation 	St. Francis Xavier 5 8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm 9pm Reposition 6:30pm Mass with 7:15pm Parents' Mtg for First Reconciliation	St. Bruno 6 8:30am Mass 6:30pm Called & Gifted 	Our Lady of the Rosary 7 8:30am Mass 9:30am & 6:30pm Book Discussion & Prayer Group 6:30pm Baptism Prep 7pm K of C Meeting 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	8 8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	St. Denis 9 9:30am Kapaun's Men Group 9:30am Altar Server Training 3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass Evangelization Table after Masses Dinner and a Movie
10 8am/10am/Noon Mass 10am Disciples Den, RCIA Evangelization Table after All Masses  Youth Group	HOLIDAY St. John XXIII 11 8:30am Mass 9:15am Loving Hands 3pm SVDP 5:15pm Faith Formation 7pm Evangelization COLUMBUS DAY	12 8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 1pm Christian Service 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm 9pm Reposition 7pm Finance Council	13 8:30am Mass 6:30pm Called & Gifted 	St. Callistus I 14 8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 9:30am & 6:30pm Bible Study Class 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	St. Teresa of Jesus 15 8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque 16 3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass 
17 8am/10am/Noon Mass 10am Disciples Den, RCIA Coffee & Donuts 11am  Youth Group	St. Luke 18 8:30am Communion Service (No Mass) 9:15am Confirmation Parent & Candidate Gathering No 5:15pm Faith Formation Today	Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues 19 8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Communion Service (No Mass) Adoration until 9pm 9pm Reposition	St. Paul of the Cross 20 8:30am Communion Service (No Mass) 1:00pm Grief Support 6:30pm Called & Gifted 	21 8:30am Communion Service (No Mass) 9:15am Confession 9:30am & 6:30pm Book Discussion & Prayer Group 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	St. John Paul II 22 8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	St. John of Capistrano 23 9:30am Kapaun's Men Group 3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass Trunk N Treat after 4:30pm Mass 
24 8am/10am/Noon Mass 10am Disciples Den, RCIA 10am Mass Confirmation Enrollment Youth Group	25 8:30am Mass 9:15am Loving Hands 5:15pm Faith Formation 7pm Mass of Reparation	26 8am and 9:15 am SoulCore 6pm Rosary 6:30pm Mass Adoration until 9pm 9pm Reposition	27 8:30am Mass 1:00pm Grief Support 6:30pm Called & Gifted 	Ss. Simon & Jude 28 8:30am Mass 9:15am Confession 9:30am & 6:30pm Bible Study Class 7pm K of C 4th Degree 7:30pm Fatima Prayer Group 	29 8:30am Mass 9:15am Adoration until Noon 	30 3:30pm Confessions 4pm Rosary 4:30pm Mass (K of C Corporate Communion) 
Halloween 31 8am/10am/Noon Mass 10am Disciples Den, RCIA Following the Noon Mass: "Walk Among The Saints" Family Event 	 Confessions every Thursday at 9:15am Saturday at 3:30pm	 St. Francis of Assisi Feastday	Pet Blessing 10/4/2021 2pm & 6:30pm		Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion 4:30 Mass 10/30/21 	
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.						



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
- Kim Hodge
- Donald Keller
- Mary Kot
- Marlene Krul
- Adam LaFrance
- Tom Lemanski
- Michael McCormick
- Melissa McDonner
- Barbara Binnall Meldrum
- Mary Ann Milko
- Susan Neumann
- Bob & Barbara 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 27

8:30am

- † Deceased Members of the Bahnsen & Toupin Families
- Blessings & Protection Upon Fr Joe Esper — by Laura & Ray

Tuesday, September 28

6:30pm

- † Christopher Sommers — by his Dad & Mom
- James & Chrissy Kandler — Anniversary Blessings

Wednesday, September 29

8:30am

- † Fay & Porter Murray — by The Cornwell Family
- † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory — by the Kandler Family

Thursday, September 30

8:30am

- Birthday Blessings for Deacon Ken - by Debie & Pam
- † Patricia Day — By Joanne Blaszkowski

Friday, October 1

8:30am

- † Valerie Fuhrman— by the IC Funeral Greeters
- † Tom Lada — by the Divine Mercy Group

Saturday, October 2

9:00am

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

4:30pm

- For the People of Immaculate Conception Parish

Sunday, October 3

8:00am

- Special Intentions of Victor Schweiger
- Bob & Alice Tharrett — by Tom Dunn

10:00am

- † Katie Meldrum — by the Cornwell Family
- † Janet Borgne — By Tina & Robert Dubay

12:00pm

- Blessings & Protection Upon Fr Joe Esper — by the IC Altar Servers
- † Paul Gretkierwicz — By Wife, Eileen



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

- † Edward & Mildred Gill
- † Flo Lemanski

8:00am

- The People of IC

10:00am

- † Emma Wooten
- † Edmund Fisher

12:00pm

- † Frank Carly and Karilyn Fehlman
- † Terry VanOverveke

October 2 & 3, 2021

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
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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 grumbings 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."

Right to Life Banquet

Right to Life of St. Clair County will hold its 23rd Annual Banquet Dinner on **Thursday, October 14th** at Alexander's Premiere Banquet Facility in Marysville. The doors open at 5:30pm with dinner and program following. This year's theme is "Focus on Life".

Tickets are \$18 for students and \$40 per person other than students. Tables of 8 are \$300. Tables for students are \$144. We are looking for generous donors to donate tables so that high school and college aged youth can attend free of charge. There



will be silent auctions, 50/50 drawing, great food and a motivational speaker.

Trevor Pollo is this year's keynote speaker. Trevor is the Director of Training for Protect Life Michigan, our state's outreach to high school and college aged students.

Please plan on bringing yourself and your friends to this dynamic and informative evening and help support Life in the Blue Water Area. For more information go to our Facebook page.

Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

September 6 - 12, 2021

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TOTAL	\$10,839.78
Goal — \$12,500 per week	
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2021 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$85,230
Budgeted Goal:	\$125,230
Amount to Goal	\$40,898
Number Pledges Received	223
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Everyday Stewardship — Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

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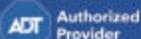
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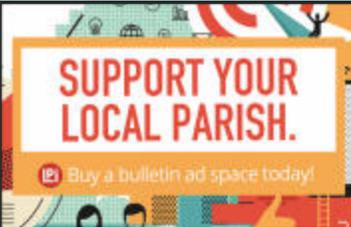
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