



The Spotlight

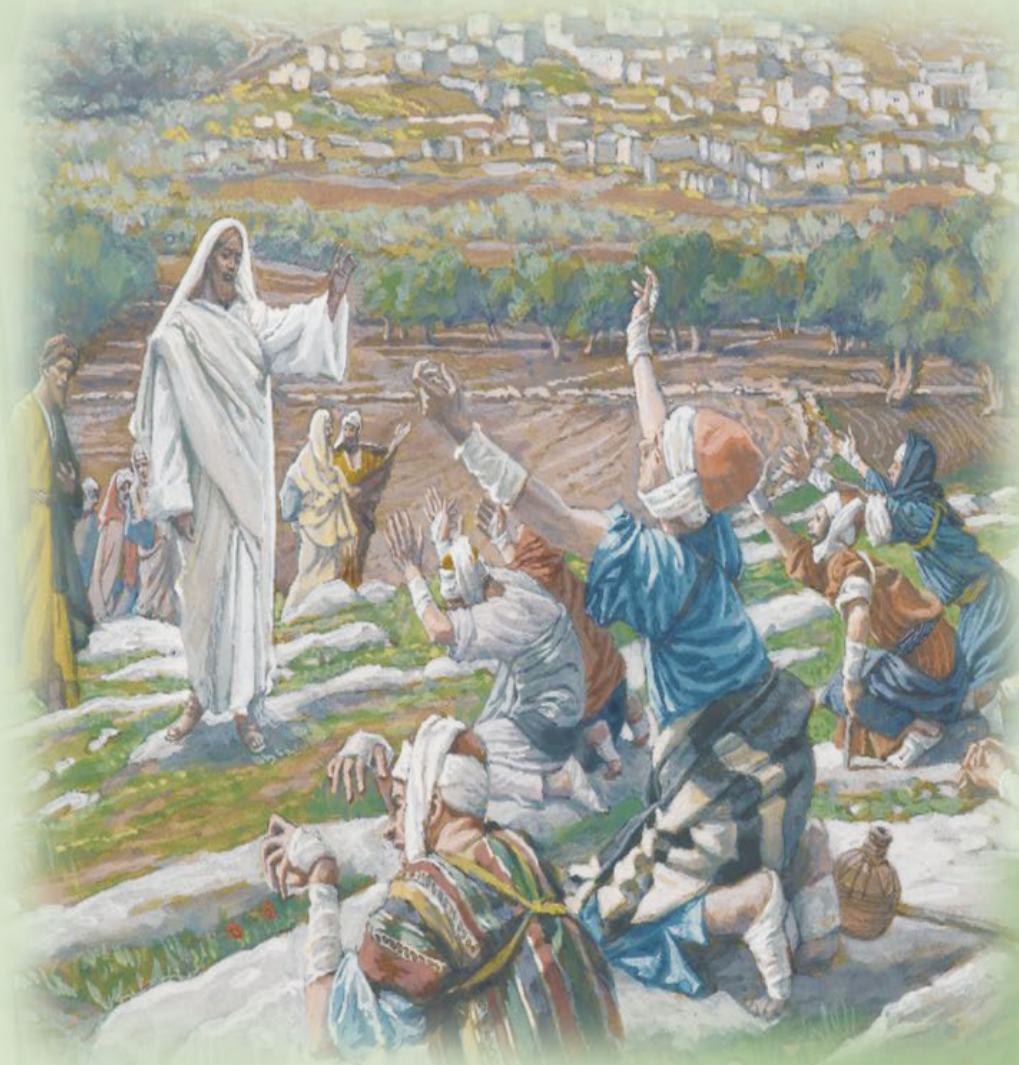
Immaculate Conception Parish

Ira Township, Michigan

October 9, 2022

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Enter for Worship, Depart for Service



*"Stand up and go,
Your faith has saved you."*

Mass Times & Information

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 9764 Dixie Highway, Ira Township, MI 48023
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30pm
Sunday	8am 10am 12pm
Monday	8:30am
Tuesday	6:30pm
Wednesday	8:30am
Thursday	8:30am
Friday	8:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday	9:15am
Saturday	3:30pm

BAPTISM

Parents must be registered for three months in the parish and complete two Baptism preparation sessions before they may celebrate Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Couples must meet with the pastor prior to choosing the date of their wedding and complete six months of 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. **If you have recently moved, updated your phone number, email address or family members, please contact our parish office with any changes or use your own account to update.**

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 — text your donation amount to **586-435-0011**. To give online visit iccatholic.org/e-giving. Call the parish office, 586-725-3051, if you need help.

Weekly Schedule

**MON
10**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Loving Hands
 3:00pm.....SVdP Meeting
 5:15pm.....Faith Formation
 6:30pm.....RCIA
 7:00pm.....Bell Choir
 7:00pm.....Evangelization Meeting

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

**TUES
11**

8:00 & 9:15amRosary/Exercise
 1:00pm.....Christian Service Meeting
 6:30pm.....Mass
 7:15-9:00pmEucharistic Adoration
 7:15pm.....Finance Council

Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

**WED
12**

8:30am.....Mass
 6:30pm.....Adult Confirmation
 6:30pm.....Choir Rehearsal

Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

**THUR
13**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15am.....Confessions
 9:30am&6:30pm....Divine Mercy
 7:30pm.....Fatima Devotions

Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

**FRI
14**

8:30am.....Mass
 9:15-2:00pmEucharistic Adoration



Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

**SAT
15**

1:00pm.....Wedding — Anderson & Harms
 3:30pm.....Confessions
 4:30pm.....Mass
 5:30pm.....Jewelry Sale
 5:30pm.....Diaper Dump
 5:30pm.....Dinner & a Movie



Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

**SUN
16**

8:00am.....Mass
 10:00am.....Mass
 11:00am.....Coffee & Donuts
 12:00pm.....Mass
 After all Masses ...Jewelry Sale
 After all Masses ...Diaper Dump
 1:00pm.....Baptisms



Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8



Fr. Joe's Jottings

The following column is provided by Right to Life of Michigan and LIFESPAN.

How Will You Vote on Proposal 3?

“Do you believe that abortion should be available for the full nine months of pregnancy?”

Do you believe that parents do not need to be notified if their underage daughter is seeking an abortion?

Do you believe that abortion clinics should not have to meet the same standard for cleanliness and record-keeping as any other out-patient facility?

Do you believe that partial birth abortion (delivering all but the head of a child and then killing him or her) is acceptable?

Do you believe that abortion should be funded with tax dollars?

Do you believe that a health care professional should be required to participate in an abortion or lose his or her license?

“If you answered NO to any of these questions, then you must vote NO on the Reproductive Freedom for All Amendment. Each of these things can, and will, happen if the measure succeeds. The measure makes Michigan an ‘anything goes’ state like California and New York. **There will be NO restrictions on abortion at any time for any reason and this will become part of the Michigan Constitution.**

“Vote NO on 3—deny this extreme measure and protect All Michigan Residents!”

“For more information, please call Right to Life-LIFESPAN at (248) 816-1546 or email at oakmac@rtl-lifespanspan.org.”

I would simply add a warning not to be misled by the lies and false advertising of the other side. The official title of Proposal 3, the “Reproductive Freedom for All” amendment, is of course given a nice-sounding name; that’s how the game of politics and manipulation is played. However, in the 1850s slave-owners might have introduced a proposed constitutional amendment called the “Protecting Plantations’ Investment Act,” arguing that such a measure was necessary for the South’s social and economic well-being. Would it have been right to enshrine as a legal principle that slaves were their owners’ property? Of course not. In the same way, the idea of “Reproductive Freedom” cannot justify the destruction of innocent human life.

Fortunately, while a bloody Civil War was needed to abolish slavery, all that’s required of us is honesty, humility, and obedience to God when we enter the voting booth on November 8.

The defense of unborn human life is the overriding moral and political issue of our time—and the same God Who knows the number of hairs on each of our heads (Mt. 10:30) also knows and remembers every vote we cast either for, or against, His gift of life.

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Today’s Gospel speaks of how only one of the ten lepers healed by Jesus came back to give Him thanks; thus, the following reflection on gratitude (excerpted from the Christophers’ book *Three Minutes A Day*, Vol. 37) is appropriate:

“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others,” wrote Cicero [a leading author and politician of ancient Rome]. Though it is not a fruit of the Spirit, it is related to them.

“A pastor once compared gratitude to eyeglasses: it’s only with a disposition of thankfulness that we can see the events of our lives clearly. . . .

“Ask God to bless your heart with gratitude.”

(To add the obvious and timely implication: if we are truly grateful for God’s gift of life, and for the lives of our loved ones, we will show it next month by how we vote on Proposal 3.)

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Another training session for new altar servers will be held this Saturday, October 15, from 9:30 – 10:30am in the church; any interested boy or girl, 3rd grade or older, is welcome to participate.

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Here are some further items from the trivia book *Factourism*:

- Cheese triggers the same part of the brain (our opioid receptors) as addictive drugs.
- The skin of blue whales can tan in the summer sun.
- A building in Japan has an elevated highway passing through its 5th, 6th, and 7th floors.
- The very first game of basketball was played using a soccer ball.
- Toothpaste (invented by William Colgate) was originally sold in jars, not tubes.
- At their closest point (in the Bering Strait), Russia and the United States are only 2.4 miles apart.
- Your smartphone has 10,000 times more computing power than the original space shuttle’s computers.
- In 2017, the equivalent of a soccer field of forest was lost throughout the world every second.
- Some of the dinosaur sounds in the movie *Jurassic Park* were made from recordings of mating tortoises.

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A teacher told her class, “Sir Isaac Newton was sitting on the ground looking at a tree; an apple fell on his head, and from that he discovered gravity. Wasn’t that wonderful?” A reluctant student replied, “Yes, ma’am—and if he had been sitting in school looking at his books, he wouldn’t have discovered anything.”

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Thought for the Day:

You need not have advanced very far in your learning in order to find good reasons even for the most evil of things. All the evil deeds in this world since Adam and Eve have been justified with good reasons.

--Georg Hegel

Faith Formation

Children's Liturgy of The Word

What is it?

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades K-5 at the 10:00am Sunday Mass. Any child in this age group may participate - no registration is necessary.

What exactly do they do?

The children gather with their catechists in the front of the altar after the Opening Prayer. Father gives a brief explanation of the scripture readings for that day and sends them forth carrying the Children's Lectionary and a candle. They process to the parish hall which has been prepared for them. After a brief Welcome and Opening Prayer, they listen to the First Reading proclaimed from the Children's Lectionary by the leader. They sing the Psalm and Gospel Acclamation. Next, the Gospel is proclaimed by one of the adult leaders. An age-appropriate reflection on the Word is shared by the leader through stories, discussions, or pictures - whatever the leader finds most appropriate to convey the meaning of the scriptures. The children are then invited to share their own thoughts and ideas. Following this, the children profess the Nicene Creed and pray the Universal Prayers (Prayers of the Faithful), and finally return to their families at the time of the Presentation of the Gifts.

What is the schedule?

Schedules for Leaders are on a rotating basis or upon availability. Children's Liturgy of the Word gathers weekly, year-round.

How can you help?

We are currently in need of: Adult Leaders - to lead the Scripture service, reflection and prayers at the 10:00am Mass. Detailed resources for preparation and reflection are provided; previous teaching experience is not required as this is a ministry of faith-sharing rather than teaching.

How do you volunteer?

Please call the Faith Formation Office or email us at ffsecretary@iccatholic.org.

Disciples Den (Early Childhood Formation)

Early childhood formation for children ages 3, 4, & 5, who are not yet in kindergarten, will be held on Sunday mornings in the school during the 10:00am Mass. This program is available from October to May. Disciples Den is open to all families in our parish with young children. Weekly sessions include music, prayer, listening and reflecting upon God's Word, snacks and age-appropriate activities. If you would like to sign your child up, please contact the Faith Formation office with any questions, 586-725-1762.

To all Parents of Second Grade or Second Year Faith Formation Students

Each year we invite our children who have completed two formal years of religious instruction 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 are prime educators, especially of the faith, 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 to become solid Catholic Christians.

The question of readiness for the sacraments is always a concern for parents, let me help you with this. **Our parent gathering will be Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm.** Fr. Joe will begin our time together with Mass. Program materials, expectations and important dates will be addressed.

Sign in will be from 6:00 to 6:25pm and again immediately following Mass. Please call the Faith Formation Office to register, 586-725-1762. We look forward to seeing you!



Jesus cured 10 men who had bleeding sores all over their skin. As they walked away, they noticed that they were cured. Their sores were gone and their skin was smooth. Nine of them ran to show their families and friends. They were happy. Only one man went back to thank Jesus for curing them. God loves you. Thank Him for your family and friends. Thank Him for healing you and giving you everything you need.



Lord, please remind me to say, "Thank you."

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Hello from Immaculate Conception School, YOUR Catholic School !



Great things keep happening at I.C. We are the wonderful recipients of mulch for the back playground near the gymnasium donated by Grosso Trucking. Thank you P.T.C. for connecting with Grosso and a huge thank you to Grosso Trucking for being so generous. Mr. Pordon and Mr. Whitenight helped spread the mulch and it looks awesome. The mulch easily added 4-5" in height.

The Horn of Plenty Athletic booster is coming back - Saturday, November 19, 2022 in our gym. We appreciate all past supporters and please spread the word to invite friends, as this is a major fundraiser for our athletic program (uniforms, ref/coach stipends, and equipment updates).

Calling all detectives!!...Immaculate Conception School is looking for assistance locating grants that are accessible to Catholic Schools. We are

looking for grants that can assist with updating infrastructure, technical equipment, curriculum, and really just about anything that we are eligible to apply for. Needless to say, all this detective work (research) takes time. If you enjoy googling and "connecting the dots" we could use your help! Please contact April Mauro, School Advisory President, at 586-925-2724, if you might be interested in helping.

Thank you, Mrs. Cyr for her support and donation to I.C. to help meet requirements needed for this year's accreditation. She has always been a blessing to our school not only through her business, but as former PTC and very active member of the community. We are hoping to have the accreditation review before Christmas release.

Wishing everyone blessings in October!
- Mr. Ricard, Principal



IC SCHOOL UNIQUE SPORTS FUNDRAISER

Horn of Plenty

SATURDAY NOV. 19 6:00 PM

One-of-a-Kind Fun Evening!

FABULOUS APPETIZERS, REFRESHMENTS, FRIENDS & FUN • TICKETS only \$15

Exciting 25¢, \$1, and \$5 Raffles and New Reverse Raffle

Lots of Chances to Win! Lots of Prizes

6:00pm Doors Open • 7:00pm Raffles Begin

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CHURCH RD AT M-29 • IRA • 586.725.0078 • iccatholic.org

BENEFITING IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM
Tickets available at the school and parish offices or limited availability at the door.

Returning Thanks: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12-14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3-8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to

describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too, have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AU LAC COUNCIL 10724

OCTOBER 15 & 16 AFTER ALL MASSES

KofC

DIAPER DUMP

DROP OFF Baby Diapers

★ ALL SIZES NEEDED - BIG & SMALL ★

BENEFITS MOTHERS & BABIES IN NEED

QUESTIONS? Call Joe Whitenight 810-602-5382

Baby Bottle Drive



Praise God!! The baby bottle campaign went well. At least 200 baby bottles were passed out to members of our faith community. Your bottle with loose change (cash/check is acceptable) are asked be returned any Sunday through October 30th. Bottles may be placed in boxes at each of the church entrances.

Checks may be payable to Image of God CPC. Donations benefit 4 Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

God bless all who took a baby bottle,
Thank you.

PASSIONATELY PROLIFE MEETING

Join us on **Monday, October 10th** in the parish hall at 6:45pm to be with a culture of life loving people. Our meetings are fun and kept to one hour, give or take 15 minutes.

Hope to see you there. Love life!



This past Sunday we had a great turnout of supporters (30+) for Life both young, middle aged, and older, from our parish and St. Mary Queen of Creation. Along M29 in front of Church all participants held signs varying from Pray to End Abortion, Moms for Life, Dads for Life, Adoption is a Loving Option, Divine Mercy Image, Pray for Our Country, Defend Life, and Vote for Life.

The time was prayerfully spent praying the Holy Rosary with Life meditations, our own intentions, Prayers to end abortion, and Divine Mercy chaplet. Both Father Joe and Deacon Ken were present. We were thankful to be in a country that allows us to Pray outdoors in assembly.

Yes-we received a lot of attention. Horn honking, thumbs up, and an occasional negative beep of a horn. But we are sure we were heard above and on earth.

Thanks be to God.





**Dinner & a Movie
October 15th**

In honor of our namesake Christopher Columbus, the KofC Au Lac Council will be hosting **dinner and a movie for all parishioners** following the 4:30pm Mass **next Saturday, October 15th.**

We will watch the movie, "*Father Michael McGivney, the Priest Who Founded the Knights of Columbus*". Pizza, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, lemonade and water will be served.

Please call or text Mark Kehoe by October 13th to RSVP, 810-289-8802.



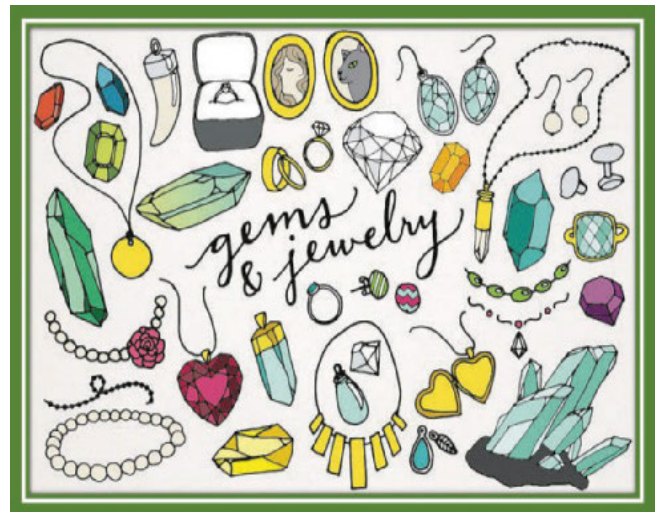
Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Maker's team appreciates your financial and prayerful support of our important ministry. We thought that you may have wondered what the cost is to create and ship our Rosaries and would like to share that with you.

It costs approximately \$1.00 to make two Rosaries. Of course, shipping costs vary depending on the destination. For example, Father Theophile, the visiting priest from Rwanda, was very happy to receive the hundreds of Rosaries that we were able to give to him before he left our parish. But his request to send an additional 2,000 Rosaries for his students, was a bit more challenging to accomplish.

With devotion in their hearts to our Blessed Mother, our team quickly went to work to create the number of Rosaries that he requested. The shipping costs proved to be more expensive than we had anticipated. The cost to send four boxes, packed with 2,000 Rosaries, to Rwanda was \$540.

Without your financial generosity, we would not have been able to fulfill Father Theophile's request, at no charge to him or his ministry. Imagine how excited his students are going to be when those boxes of Rosaries arrive. Your prayers and financial support really make a difference. We thank you!

**DON'T FORGET OUR JEWELRY SALE
NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES**



Rosary Maker's Jewelry Sale

After all Masses next weekend,
October 15th & 16th
In the Parish Hall

Coffee & Donuts



Join us for coffee and donuts
**after the 10:00am Mass next
Sunday, October 16th.**

This is a Family Event open to everyone.

SAINT EVENT  **Sunday, 10/30/22**
after Noon Mass

Euchre Party



K of C Au Lac Council Euchre Party

Help us help others!

Saturday, November 5th

in the school gym

\$20 per player

Doors open at 5:30pm Euchre begins at 6pm

To reserve your spot

call or text: 586-260-1474.

More info coming soon





Remember in Your Prayers



Names on the prayer list will be published for **four weeks**. If you wish to place the name again, please contact the office.

- Joyce Beauvais
- Suzanne Black
- Michael Endres
- Joe Finamore
- Mark Golden
- Susan Grantz
- Julie Gutenschwager
- Virginia Karpinski
- Dolores Kehrig
- Donald Keller
- Mary Kot
- Adam LaFrance
- Thomas Lutz
- Michael McCormick
- Marilyn Mertes
- Susan Neumann
- Matthew Novack
- Donald Rheker
- Dennis Roscoe
- Scott Simons
- David Teer
- Elianna Grace Tomczak
- Melissa Truman
- Delphine Wegryn
- Jerry Wysocki



Monday, October 10

8:30am

† William Forrester — by his Family

Tuesday, October 11

6:30pm

† Norbert Biebuyck— 6th Heavenly Anniversary — by his Family

† Lawrence Fackler — by his Family

Wednesday, October 12

8:30am

— Cameron Sebastian Smith — Birthday Blessings — by Family

† Chester Joseph Olowniuk — by his Family

Thursday, October 13

8:30am

— Maurice James Collins — by Mike & Kathy L'Esperance

Friday, October 14

8:30am

† Nemesio Rublico — by the IC Funeral Greeters

Saturday, October 15

4:30pm

— People of Immaculate Conception

† Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Au Lac Council #10724

Sunday, October 16

8:00am

† Norman "Mickey" Meldrum, Sr. — by Deacon Ken & Gloria

10:00am

† John Finnigan — 5th Heavenly Anniversary — by his Family

† Ed Kot — by his Wife, Mary

12:00pm

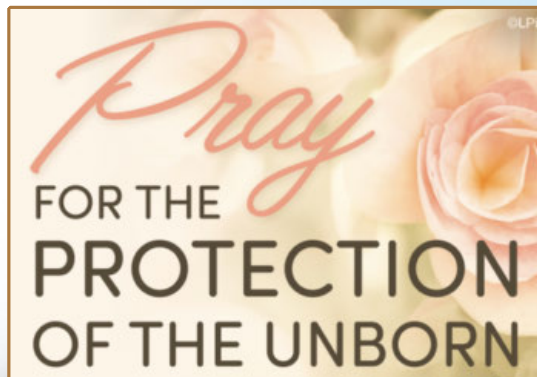
† Nancy Justus — by Sheila Wittbrodt



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 Connor O'Gara, US Marines
- PFC Jack O'Gara, US Marines
- Sgt Mitchell Sikorski, USMC
- PS1, Felix Garcia, US Navy

Please send the name, branch of service and rank of any active Military to editor@iccatholic.org.



Today's Intentions

Saturday

4:30pm

— People of IC

† Nathaniel Yanos

Sunday

8:00am

† Alice Avery

10:00am

† Jake & Cecelia

Vandenboom

12:00pm

† Gary Hauer

October 15 & 16, 2022

	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 8:00am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Bridgette Brandt	Jasmine Nowak	Victoria Wypiszewski	Nikolai Zacharko
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CLOW			Mary Lou Pollock	

Heroes & Heroines (Saints) From Our Family History

Tues., Oct. 11th, St. John XXIII, Pope: Born of a farming family in Sotto il Monte in northern Italy in 188, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was ordained a priest in 1904. After serving in World War I as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving in Bulgaria, Turkey, and in France. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Roncalli helped to save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during World War II. Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953 by Pope Pius X11, he was elected pope in 1958 at the age of 78. He took the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral. He convoked in 1959 the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). His most famous encyclicals were Mater and Magister, Mother and Teacher (1961) and Pacem in Terris, Peace on Earth (1963). "Good Pope John" died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963. His feast day, October 11th, recalls the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council (1962). Declared a Blessed in 2000, he was canonized, together with Pope John Paul II, by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

Fri., Oct. 14th, St. Callistus I, Pope, Martyr: Callistus I died in 222. He incurred the ire of Tertullian and Hippolytus over lapsi controversy. He organized the first official Christian cemetery in Rome and instituted Ember Day fasts.

Sat., Oct. 15th, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church: Teresa of Avila died in 1582 at Alba. She was a Spanish mystic, who with St. John of the Cross, founded the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars, [O.C.D.] and nuns, for which she had to endure great trials. She authored the Way of Perfection, Interior Castle, and an autobiography. She was the first woman declared "Doctor of the Church (1970). She is the patroness of Spain.

Right to Life of St. Clair County

focus on life

2022 Annual Benefit Dinner

Thursday,
October 20, 2022

The Knight Club
Marysville, MI

For info or to register rtlsc.org

Stewardship in Action - Collection Update

September 19 - 25, 2022

Offertory	
Envelopes	\$6,397.00
E-Giving	\$3,840.59
Loose.	<u>\$656.10</u>
TOTAL	\$10,802.69
Thank You !	



2022 Catholic Services Appeal	
Pledged Amount:	\$81,426.00
Budgeted Goal:	\$139,266.00
Amount to reach Goal	\$57,840.00
Number Pledges Received	200
Thank You !	

Support Our Priest's Retirement

This weekend we will take up the special collection for our priests' retirement, ***With Thanks for Their Service in Christ***. This collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and auto insurance to priests at age 70.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to this collection. You may return your completed special collection envelope at Mass or to the parish office.

Stars of Christmas 2022

Christian Service will once again provide gifts, food, or clothing to families, seniors and veterans in need. It's not too soon to start thinking about those in our parish and school that could use help this Christmas season. We just ask you to provide names and contact information of those in need (with their permission, of course).

Gift cards may be purchased through our Scrip program, which supports the school. Contact the parish office with names of the needy or if you would like to purchase gift cards to help the Stars of Christmas program.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Stars of Christmas. Watch for the tree to go up later this month.

Joyce Bynum Stars of Christmas/Christian Service

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