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THANK YOU!

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH



Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

Liturgical Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

Daily Mass

Monday: 9:00 AM

Tuesday: 6:30 PM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM / (At Broadview): 10:00 AM

Thursday: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses: As Announced in the Bulletin

Welcome!

If you are new to the area, we hope that you would consider making us your spiritual home. If you would like to register, please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass.

PARISH & CALVARY CEMETERY OFFICES

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Parish Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Offices are closed on Friday

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Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the Parish Office in advance to schedule.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

Those who are preparing for surgery, homebound, diagnosed with an illness, or advancing in years, are asked to contact the Parish Office for this Sacrament of God's healing, mercy, and grace.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

As part of Diocesan requirement, preparations should be made at least six (6) months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Each Saturday at 3:00 PM, & by appointment.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18: Vigil 2nd Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Sunday, April 19: Second Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Monday, April 20: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Tuesday, April 21: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Wednesday, April 22: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, April 23: Easter Weekday
No Mass

Friday, April 24: Easter Weekday
No Mass on Friday

Saturday, April 25: Vigil 3rd Sunday of Easter
No Mass

Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter
No Mass

IHM FUNDRAISER

For the benefit of our choir loft, stained glass window, and doors

Goal: \$50,000

Raised to date: \$33,736

Every dollar counts!!

Thank you so much for your generous support

Thank You!

What a wonderful week of celebrations we had here at the parish! It was a different celebration then we are used to, but so many people came together to offer so generously their time and immense talents to make our Triduum and Easter festivities possible! A special thank you to **Nicholas Zbikowski, Alec Zbikowski and Jordan Comeau** for making it possible to live stream our celebration on Facebook. Be sure to look up Nick on Facebook and/or his website **www.nickzbikowskiphotography.com** if you have any special events coming up! **Thank you for all you did to proclaim the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord!**

Special Thanks to all who have mailed in, dropped off or donated online, weekly stewardship offerings. Just a gentle reminder that the expenses of our church and the welfare of our employees of the church continue regardless of attendance. We ask and pray that all our members continue to be good stewards and keep up with their commitment to God's work through the church.

Weekends of April 4/4-4/5 & 4/11-4/12

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sunday Offering (mailed in)	\$6864
Online Donations	\$400
Easter	\$1126
Total	\$8390

Online Giving: We have set up online giving on our website. To donate online, please go to www.heartofmary.net, click ONLINE DONATIONS and a secure form will appear. Your Member # is your envelope number. You do not need to fill out that field if you are unsure of your number, we will still be able to credit your account by name. This form allows you to make an offertory donation to Immaculate Heart directly. You may make a one-time donation or establish recurring giving on a monthly basis, which would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support in such unprecedented times.

Dear parishioners and friends

“HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ALL OF YOU”

I would like firstly to express my gratitude to everybody who made it possible to have the celebration of Holy week in our parish by serving, reading, preparing, making phone calls, decorating, recording...I do not want to let anybody out by saying names, but all of you know what you did, and may our God bless you always for your good and generous hearts.

To you parishioners at home, our parish is so deeply grateful for all your support during these difficult times by sending envelopes, online giving, by watching our services online and by praying every day. It is our faith that sustains us when things do not seem to go well.

I would like to add some of the words from our Bishop MacManus about what we are living now: “It has been called the “unseen enemy.” The coronavirus has brought illness and death to the afflicted; fear, isolation and disruption to us all. The presence of the coronavirus has and will shape our lives for a time. We pray for those scientists and heed their sound advice. “Jesus Christ is the complementary antidote for our souls to strengthen us spiritually against all the inevitable things in life that we face and fear - sickness, isolation, sin, uncertainty and even death.” Bishop Robert MacManus.

Let us continue trusting our Lord, this is a difficult moment but God’s assistance is and will be with us to overcome this difficult time. Some day we will look back and we will see how God’s presence has been always here among us.

~Blessings. Fr Henry

Public Access to Church Office: In order to minimize the risk to yourself and to parish staff, all church offices are closed from the public. Parishioners can contact the office by phone 978-297-0280 or by email at renee@heartofmary.com or for Fr. Henry at pastor@heartofmary.com. The diocese is taking steps to do the same with the Chancery.

IMPORTANT NEWS

1. RCIA, Baptisms and other rites of initiation will be postponed to a future date.
2. CCD. The sacraments of first communion and confirmation will be postponed to a new date.

IHM Website: Did you know that you can go to our website to get updated information and our bulletin? Our bulletin is uploaded onto our web page each Thursday afternoon. Go to **ww.heartofmary.net** and get the last information for our diocese and our church!

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen