

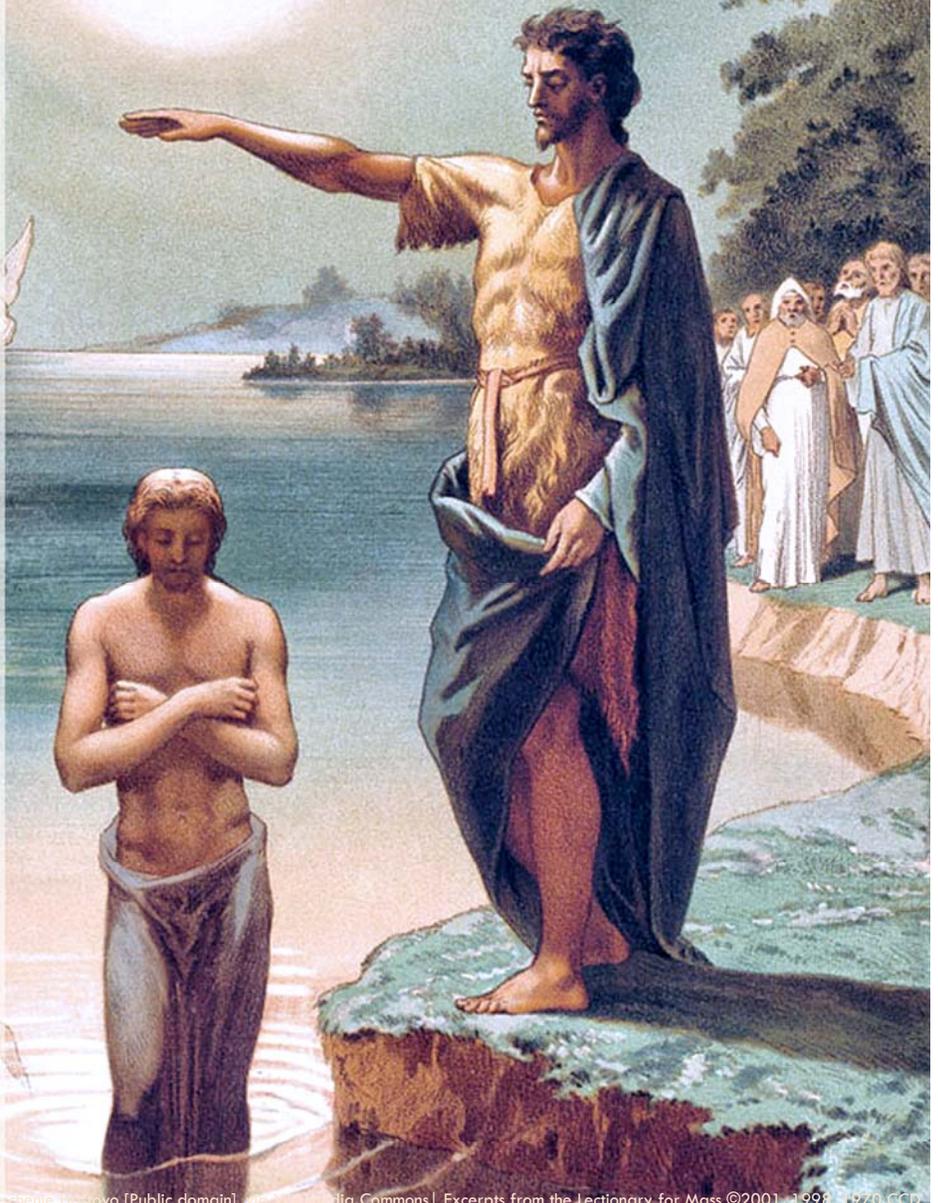


THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



BAPTISM of the LORD

The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." —Lk 3:22



JANUARY 13, 2019 | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 and 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

San Damiano Adoration Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration Weekdays

Mission Statement

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is to proclaim and celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We fulfill our mission as Christian disciples by intentionally responding to God's call to grow in holiness.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to formally thank you for the kind gifts that you gave me for Christmas. The beautiful cards and generous gifts and delicious goodies were not expected but greatly appreciated. I am humbled, honored and blessed to serve here at Immaculate Conception and each day is a gift from the Lord to do so.



Liturgically, on this Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord we are wrapping up the Christmas Season, a time in which we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for sending us the greatest gift imaginable. Really it is a gift beyond our wildest dreams that the Living God would desire to become one of us to take away our sins, give us new hearts by the waters of rebirth, and lead us into the joyful freedom of being His beloved Sons and Daughters. As we go further into this new year may the Lord of Life bless you and your families with His Grace, Mercy, and Love!

With deep gratitude to God and to each of you,

Fr. James Peterson

Rest in Peace

Sister M. Eucharista Ward, OSF (1934-2019)



Sister M. Eucharista Ward died at Rosary Care Center in Sylvania, Ohio, on January 5, 2019. The daughter of Leighton and Margaret Mary Ward came to the convent from Immaculate Conception Parish, Columbia Heights, Minnesota in 1958. She made her first profession of religious vows in 1961 and her final vows in 1966.

Sister Eucharista spent more than 57 years in ministry to the People of God as an educator, a home health aide and a writer.

There will be a Welcoming Service for Sister Eucharista in Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania at 6:00 pm on Sunday, January 13; followed by visitation until 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue on Monday, January 14 beginning at 9:30 am until the funeral liturgy at 4:00 pm. Interment will be in Porta Coeli Cemetery on the campus of the Sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio.

This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 13, *The Baptism of the Lord*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday, January 14

Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 15

Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 16

Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 17, *St. Anthony, Abbot*

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 18

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 19

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 20, *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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**“He saved us through the
bath of rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit.”**

(Ti 2:5b)



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Parish News

Christmas Flowers

Poinsettia plants will be available to take home following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 6 and after daily morning Mass the following week in the narthex of the church.



Tickets on Sale Now!

“Cabaret” (featuring Disney songs) February 9, 2019 in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. Buffet dinner includes: *Braised Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Salad, Roasted Vegetables and Dessert.*

Reserved Seat Tickets \$35. (Buy a table of 8 in one transaction and get one seat free!) Available to purchase after weekend Masses on January 19-20 and in the parish office during the week.

Proceeds benefit the IC Liturgy Ministry.

Lectio Philippians: Life in Christ

All are welcome to join us for Lectio Philippians: Life in Christ, a FORMED bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians. This six session study will begin February 4 and 7. See page 7 of this bulletin for more information on dates, times and registration.



Eucharistic Adoration

This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.

(Matthew 3:17)

This “Beloved Son” is the same Jesus adorners come to adore in Eucharistic adoration. All glory, praise and adoration belong to Him! Come and join this prayer filled ministry by signing up for an hour of adoration.

For information on adoration or to sign up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

We urgently need adorners to cover the following hours:

- Mondays at noon, 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Tuesdays at noon, 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm
- Wednesdays at noon, 5:00 pm (partner) and 7:00 pm
- Thursdays at 11:00 am and 8:00 pm

We also need additional substitute adorners.



Pray for a Priest

Will You Pray for a Priest Each Day?

Prayer Suggestion: *Dear Jesus, hear my prayer on behalf of your priest, Father [N]. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of his priestly life. Be his comfort, his joy, and his strength. Amen.*

- January 13 - Rev. Robert Nygaard
- January 14 - Rev. Lawrence Ober, SJ
- January 15 - Rev. William O'Brien, SJ
- January 16 - Rev. Thomas O'Brien
- January 17 - Rev. Stephen O'Gara
- January 18 - Rev. Kenneth O' Hotto
- January 19 - Rev. Jules Omba Omalaga

Intercessory Prayer

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intentions:

That parishioners are inspired with a greater love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist, for more committed adorners, and their good health.



Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Sunday

This Sunday, January 13, is Fellowship Sunday—hosted by our RCIA Candidates. Join us after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses for fellowship, donuts, oatmeal and beverages in Fellowship Hall, located in the lower level of the church.

Anointing Mass

Join us on Thursday, February 14 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at Crest View on 42nd, located on the corner of Central and 42nd Avenue in Columbia Heights (Rev. James Peterson will preside). All are welcome.

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request—call the Parish Office at 763-788-9062 x 212.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially *Sr. M. Eucharista Ward* and all who have died from war. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray For All the Sick—Especially:

Jack Anderson	Steven Lauinger	Irene Spensley
Edward Ardito	Tom Leight Jr.	Bruce Plochocki
Paul Bona	Roger Mack	Elaine Thunstrom
Michelle Cadieux	Johnnie Meyering	Lois Weyers
Nichole Castonguay	Janet Mihalik	Germaine Wolsfeld
Mary Fredenburg	Izzy Miller	<i>and all those on</i>
Gerald Krawiecki	Shawn Moulzolf	<i>our prayer chain</i>
Joan Landberg	Greg Sery	

If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

Social Justice Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 6:00-7:00 pm in the Saint Francis Room.

Coins for Social Justice

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

Next collection: January 26-27. Donations made using bills or checks should be placed in an envelope marked "Social Justice". Small envelopes can be found on tables at all entrances of the church. Only the loose change or marked envelopes from this collection is designated for Social Justice.



**“Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”**

(Is 40:5)

The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

“What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Council of Catholic Women

CCW Bake and Boutique Sale

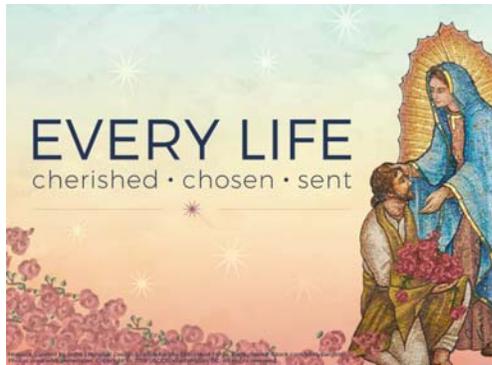
The Council of Catholic Women and St. Mary's Circle extends a heartfelt *thank you* to everyone for your generous donations of baked goods, lovely homemade crafts and new this year, your donations of beautiful holiday décor, to the Christmas bake and boutique sale in December—and a big *thank you* to all those who stopped by to support us through your purchases. It was another successful sale! We couldn't do it without you!

We also wish to take this time to thank you for your support of all our council's fundraisers throughout the year; including: The Easter Butter Braid Sale, the Christmas Holiday Nut Sale, and the Christmas Bake and Boutique Sale. These fundraisers have and continue to allow us to support the following:

- Immaculate Conception General Fund, Restoration Fund and other campus projects
- Immaculate Conception School Tuition Fund
- Pro-life Across America, MCCL, Abria's North Minneapolis Clinic
- Madonna Plan, Water for Life, Appalachian Missions
- Human Life Alliance, Catholic Medical Missions
- Meals on Wheels, Our Lady of Peace Cancer Home
- Kitui, Kenya Dormitory Project

and a variety of other Catholic outreach projects

God's blessings to all in 2019.



Word of Life

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “How to Build a Culture of Life,” www.usccb.org/culture-of-life

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *If Jesus didn’t sin, why did he need to be baptized?*

Answer: From the earliest days of St. John the Baptist, baptism has been a sign of repentance and forgiveness of sins. Now Jesus has instituted it as a sacrament, with real power to cleanse us from original sin and adopt us as children of God. But if Jesus wasn’t affected by original sin, nor did he willingly choose sin, why would he need to be baptized?

The Catechism lists four primary reasons for the Incarnation. One is that “the Word became flesh to be our model of holiness” (CCC 459). St. John Paul II wrote that “all of Christ’s life was a continual teaching.” In other words, many of Jesus’ actions were not only for the action itself, but to model certain things for us. In becoming man, Jesus is not so lofty that he expects things of us he isn’t willing to do himself. We see this most poignantly in his passion and death. In his baptism, Jesus identifies with sinners and gives us a model of what we ought to do—repent, be cleansed, and receive the grace of God!

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

At the baptism of Jesus, a voice came from heaven saying, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Through Baptism, Jesus’ identity as God’s Son is revealed and understood. He knows very clearly who he is. Baptism does the same for us. It gives us our identity as daughters and sons of God. We have the wonderful opportunity, given to us as a gift, to share in the same intimate relationship Jesus has with God his Father. Being a daughter or son of God gives us a unique and focused mission to which we must be faithful. Our identity, as with Jesus, is rooted in God. This is a simple fact we all must accept. Through Baptism, we are given the power and ability to see the world as God sees and to think and act as God would think and act. This is a tall order but one that will lead us to truth and ultimately to happiness.



“O bless the Lord, my soul.”

(Ps 104)

Sunday, January 13

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
 Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Pre-sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:15 am
 Catholic United Raffle Ticket Sale _____ 8:00 am - 11:15 am
 Fellowship _____ 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
 Mass, Intention, +Janet Gillespie _____ 10:00 am
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word _____ 10:00 am

Monday, January 14

Girl Scouts _____ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 15

Mass, Intention, +Lillian Mitchell _____ 7:30 am
 Social Justice Meeting _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 Finance Council _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, January 16

Mass, Intention, Steve Lauinger _____ 7:30 am
 1st Eucharist Parent Session _____ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Faith Formation, Gr. 7-8 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Intramurals _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
 Confirmation I, Gr. 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
 Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, January 17

Mass (School), Intention, Fabian Sabaybay _____ 8:30 am
 Communion Service, Royce Place _____ 3:15 pm
 Knights of Columbus Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 RCIA _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, January 18

Mass, Intention, J. B. Botzet _____ 7:30 am
 Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 RCIC II _____ 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 19

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Ticket Sales _____ 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
 (Cabaret, Catholic United Raffle, Spaghetti Dinner Pre-sale)
 Mass, Intention, +Janet Gillespie _____ 5:00 pm
 Columbia Heights Fireman Banquet _____ 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, January 20

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
 Ticket Sales _____ 8:00 am - 11:15 am
 (Cabaret, Catholic United Raffle, Spaghetti Dinner Pre-sale)
 Parish Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 pm
 Mass, Intention, +A. J. Breyer _____ 10:00 am
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word _____ 10:00 am
 +Deceased

Gospel Meditations

The Baptism of the Lord

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?



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Beyond Our Parish

Annual Prayer Service for Life

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul, Tuesday, January 22 at 10:30 am for the Annual Prayer Service for Life, followed by MCCL's March for Life at the State Capitol. This prayer service commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. All are invited and welcome. Please consider carpooling or utilizing buses as parking and street access are limited. For more information, please contact the Office for Marriage, Family & Life at 651-291-4488.



Collections

Week 25—January 5-6, 2019

Our weekly financial contributions will not publically available on our website. If you would like this information, please call The parish office at 763-788-9062. Thank you.

Church Directory

Emergency (Death or Anointing) 763-788-9062 (#9)

PARISH

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Copies of the Parish Council meeting minutes are available in the pamphlet racks at the entrances to the church.

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BIBLE STUDY

LECTIO: PHILIPPIANS

LIFE IN CHRIST

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the *lectio divina* disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in *Philippians: Life in Christ*.

~ DATES & TIMES ~

6 Sessions in Fellowship Hall (*lower level of the church*)

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm
led by Mary Nawrocki

Feb. 4, 18, 25; Mar. 4, 18; and Apr. 1, 2019

Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 pm
led by Fr. James Peterson

Feb. 7, 21; Mar. 7, 14, 21; and Apr 4, 2019

The Monday and Thursday sessions are identical.

~ REGISTRATION ~

Cost: \$20.00. Includes
full color study guide.



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