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"And none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they realized it was the Lord."

JN 21:12



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May 5, 2019

*3rd Sunday
of Easter*

Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday | 7:30 am |
| Wednesday | 7:30 am |
| Thursday | 8:30 am |
| Friday | 7:30 am |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm |
| Sunday | 8:00 am |
| | 10:00 am |
| | (Spanish) 11:30 am |

Reconciliation

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| Saturday | 3:30- 4:30 pm |
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San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration - weekdays



Our Mission

The Mission of The Church of the Immaculate Conception 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.

From the Pastor's Desk



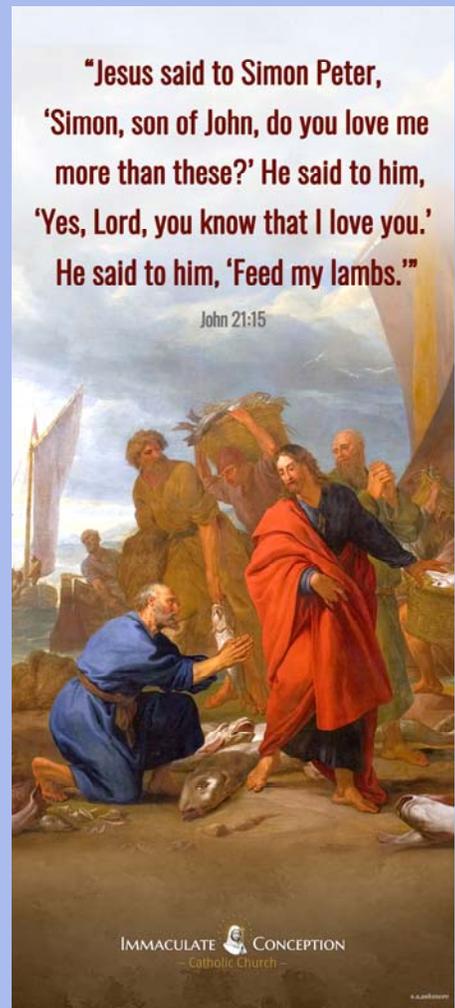
Fishing for Sheep

On the shore of the Sea of Galilee Jesus called two sets of brothers to serve as his disciples. Their profession was fishing but the Lord was inviting them to become fishers of men, women, and children for the Kingdom of God. Their patience, persistence, hard work ethic, and ability to press on in the midst of frequent failures and disappointments made them excellent candidates to follow after Christ.

After the suffering and death of Jesus his disciples were filled with fears and self-doubts, not knowing what to do. In the Gospel for this weekend we hear that Peter, Andrew, James, and John all returned to the Sea of Galilee to go fishing once again. It was there while doing something so familiar that they encountered the Risen Lord. He shared a meal with them and then gave Peter a particular mission to “feed” and “tend” his sheep (John 21:15-17). This pastoral action and life of selfless service was motivated by a love for Jesus.

In our own lives we are called by Jesus to follow after him and lovingly serve him. We do this by casting our nets “into the deep” (Luke 5:4) of our relationships with family, friends, co-workers, and even those whom we do not know. In doing so we can help them to encounter the Risen Lord who desires to “feed” us and “tend” to us in our diverse life circumstances. May His Grace fill our hearts in these Easter days and guide us on our journey of faith.

Fr. James



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Readings and Observances

Sunday, May 5, 3rd Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday, May 6

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 7

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 8

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, May 9

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 11

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 12, 4th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day;

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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Intercessory Prayer

Let Us Pray

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry will meet on Friday, May 10, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room to discuss the recent Contemplative Intercessory Prayer Retreat and pray. Please bring a bible, prayer journal or notebook, and retreat outlines. The Intercessory Prayer Ministry prays for Immaculate Conception Church and School and provides formation for effective intercessory prayer. For more information, please contact Mary Scott, Faith Formation Assistant, at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend.



“We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

(Acts 5:32)

Parish News

Do You Know a High School Senior ...

... who is graduating this year? We are gathering names of students to invite to a Mass on June 2 when we will recognize graduates. Please contact Mary Nawrocki, Director of Faith Formation, at 763-788-9062 x 210 to request an invitation. Thank you!



Parishioners, school families & friends join us for the

IC SUMMER JAM KICKOFF PARTY DINNER & CONCERT

Saturday, May 18, 2019
6:00—8:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Church—Fellowship Hall

6:00 pm
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6:30 pm
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Easter Flowers



Thank you to all those who have so generously made a financial contribution toward defraying the cost of our beautiful Easter flowers and candles in memory of their loved ones whose names are listed below.

Randal and Betty Lou Wilcox

Eucharistic Adoration

“The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, Alleluia!”

(Luke 24:35)

Adorers recognize Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as they pray in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. St. Theresa said, “Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you—for you alone?” All are invited to come and visit our adoration chapel and experience the peace only Jesus can give.

We are looking for adorers to cover the following hours:

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

We also are in need of additional partner adorers and substitute adorers. For information on adoration or to sign up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



The Road to Discipleship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

I am struck by how Jesus addresses the disciples in the 21st chapter of John. They have been fishing all night, and when the dawn comes, Jesus asks, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They hadn’t caught a thing, so he tells them what to do to finally fill their nets. These children thought they knew best, but they couldn’t get the job done until they listened to Jesus. Like a child who needs a parent, these early followers of Jesus were learning that real maturity of faith requires trusting in and listening to the Teacher.

The stewardship way of life demands of us a certain maturity of discipleship. Just as a child is not yet ready to be a parent, an immature disciple may not yet be ready to sacrifice regardless of the cost or understand the true value of his generosity. So every day, we are challenged and called to respond, sometimes even with little cost to ourselves. But each step, no matter how small, brings with it growth. We are growing not only in maturity, but in the ability to trust in God and how to listen for the call as well.

How mature are you in your faith? How much trust do you have in Jesus Christ? How often do you pause to listen to the instructions of your Teacher? The night is now over, and the dawn is upon you. Reflect on the visible fruit of your stewardship, and then listen for the words of Jesus.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Faith Formation

Time to Register for Totus Tuus!

Our *Totus Tuus* summer programs are right around the corner! A week of faith and fun led by a team of college students and seminarians includes two sessions: a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 10-14, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and an evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 9-13, 7:30 pm to 9:45 pm. The cost is \$25 per participant and \$75 max per family. The cost of the program can be written off for tax purposes!

Grades 1-6

Daily Mass
Faith Activities
Games
Water fun!

Grades 7-12

Adoration
Confession
Hot Topics
Social Time

For more information and to register, go to our parish website, ICCSonline.org or call the Faith Formation office at 763-788-9062 x 210.

School News



The hallways, classrooms and hearts of our school students and staff are alive with love for the risen Christ! Alleluia!

Art Adventure

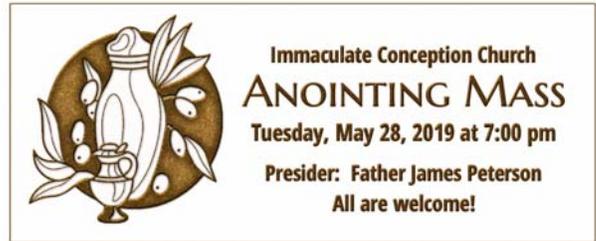
Students participate in a program called Art Adventure through the Minneapolis Institute of Art. This program allows Picture Persons (parents or staff) to be trained and teach art lessons with the children. The theme this year was Artists' Inspirations. Pictured is one of our Picture Persons talking with the first graders about the works of Picasso. The children went on to look at examples of Picasso's diverse art, in particular *The Old Guitarist* and create their own depiction of a guitar by assembling pieces of construction paper and other items. The work of Picasso and a couple of the children's art are displayed. Thank you to our volunteers and the first graders and their teacher, Mrs. Kurt!



“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

(Pope John Paul II)

Pastoral Ministry



Anointing Mass at Crest View on 42nd

Join us on Thursday, May 9 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at Crest View on the corner of Central and 42nd Avenues. Father 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.

Growing Through Loss

Tuesday, May 7, from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, 8211 Red Oak Drive, Mounds View. There are three sessions remaining—each session is complete in itself. Join us for speaker Louise Britts, Bereavement Coordinator, Optage. She will be speaking on “*Taking Care of you: A Part of the Grief Journey*”. Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki 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 Mathilda Reichle (sister of Ambrose Christianson), Lillian Rozek 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:

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| Paul Bona | Steven Lauinger | Greg Sery |
| Michelle Cadieux | Roger Mack | Irene Spensley |
| Nichole Castonguay | Sue McSherry | Tammy Swedzinski |
| Mary Fredenburg | Johnnie Meyering | Elaine Thunstrom |
| Barbara Kaminski | Janet Mihalik | Lois Weyers |
| Gerald Krawiecki | Izzy Miller | Germaine Wolsfeld |
| Joan Landberg | Shawn Moulzolf | |

and all those on our prayer chain

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

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.

May 5 - Rev. Michael Tix
 May 6 - Rev. Patrick Tobin, OP
 May 7 - Rev. Adam Tokashiki Oka, PES
 May 8 - Rev. Rolf Tollefson
 May 9 - Rev. Jon Tran
 May 10 - Rev. James Peter Trares, OP
 May 11 - Rev. Paul Treacy

Reflections

Word of Life

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Prayer for an End to Infanticide”

Why Do We Do That?

Catholic Traditions Explained

Question: *How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?*

Answer: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn’t have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus’ incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God’s image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way—in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn’t remain only at church on Sunday. We can—and should—let our faith animate our lives!

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

If you really want to get to know someone, invite them to dinner. Sharing a meal with someone opens up the door to a deeper, more intimate, and more authentic encounter. When we gather around a table, we are more vulnerable and are reminded not only of our need for food and sustenance, but also the love of friends and community. We are meant to be together. Meals can be opportunities not only for authentic meetings, but for healing relationships, for understanding one another better, and for renewal. Jesus invites us to dine with him once again at today’s Eucharist. He receives our pain and blesses our wounds. We are forgiven, set straight, renewed, and reconfirmed in our task of discipleship. Love is celebrated here again. May we bring that love to those who need it most, especially those we may find difficult to love and to those who have hurt us. Share with them the bread of compassion and the wine of mercy.

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month’s prayer intention:

For students preparing for First Eucharist and their families, that they come to a deeper understanding of Christ present in the Eucharist.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 5

Mass, Intention, IC Parishioners _____ 8:00 am
Heggies Pizza Sale _____ 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Crowning of Mary _____ 10:00 am
Intention, +Lawrence & Margaret Wodziak
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am

Monday, May 6

Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
1st Eucharist Breadmaking (ICS) _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, May 7

Mass, Intentions, +CCW Deceased Members _____ 7:30 am
+Glafora Jaimes & Anahi & Magdalena Hernandez
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

Mass, Intention, +Karol Patzer _____ 7:30 am
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Discipleship Committee _____ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
1st Eucharist Breadmaking _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Parish Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 9

Mass (School), *Intention, +Eugene Hedrington* _____ 8:30 am
Schola Rehearsal _____ 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Anointing Mass, Crestview on 42nd _____ 3:15 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
CCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
RCIA _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Spring Concert, Gr. 3-5, Band/Chorus _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday, May 10

Mass, Intentions, +J. V. Botzet, +John Bannon _____ 7:30 am
Our Brothers Keeper _____ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Formation _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 11

Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass, Intention, +E. Sebe Heintz _____ 5:00 pm
Mother’s Day Flower Sale _____ 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, May 12

Mass, Intention, +Lillian Sichak _____ 8:00 am
Mother’s Day Flower Sale _____ 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Mass, Intention, +John & Helen Sahli _____ 10:00 am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word _____ 10:00 am
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
Mass (Spanish), *Intention, IC Parishioners* _____ 11:30 am

+Deceased

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| <i>Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)</i> | |

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

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low gluten hosts (.002 gluten) are available. Come to the Sacristy before Mass to request one.



3rd Sunday of Easter

“Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’” Peter is a favorite apostle for many people. I wonder if it is because of his flawed, relatable humanity. Today’s Gospel takes place after Jesus appears to the disciples and breathes the Holy Spirit upon them. And yet, Peter finds himself returning to his old way of life, to comfortable habits he formed long before following Jesus. Is something still lingering in him? Is something still lingering in us? Lent is over, and we should be rejoicing! But do you feel like you’re still holding onto something? Or perhaps you had an excellent Lent. You encountered Jesus in a new way and grew in faith. But as the weeks since Easter have slipped by, some of your newfound devotion has begun to waver. The closeness you felt in your Lenten commitments has given way to humdrum status quo or turn-of-the-season busyness.

“Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter has endured so much in his walk of discipleship! But something is still weighing on him. In today’s Gospel, Jesus confirms Peter’s devotion three times, a redemption of his earlier threefold denial. The call of the Lord must come again, as if heard anew for the first time. So often, this is the pattern of the Christian life. We discover God and experience a new desire for our faith, but in time, our enthusiasm begins to wane. Perhaps something happens that startles us, or we startle ourselves by a poor decision. Then we discover God anew! Our joy returns...for a while. Even the Apostles were no strangers



to the cyclical nature of spiritual growth. Our disappointments or frustrations should not be cause for giving up. Like Peter, we too can recommit and start anew. This Sunday and every day of our lives, Jesus is waiting to say again, “Follow me.”

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(Ps 30)

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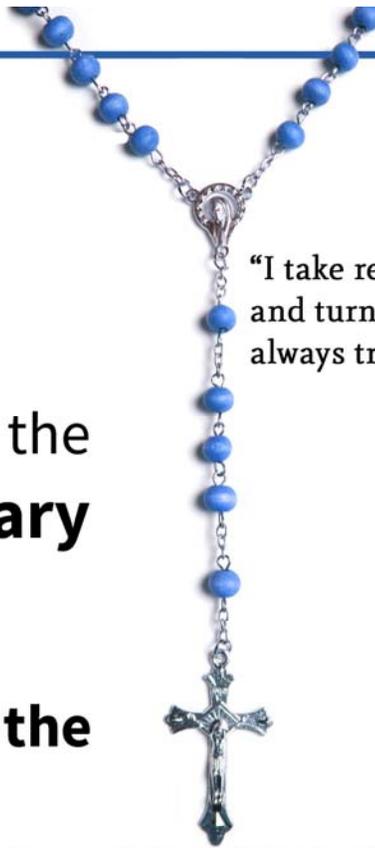
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and turn to Mary, and our Lord
always triumphs.”

—St. Therese of Lisieux

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Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us to pray the

ROSARY

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Sundays in May

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