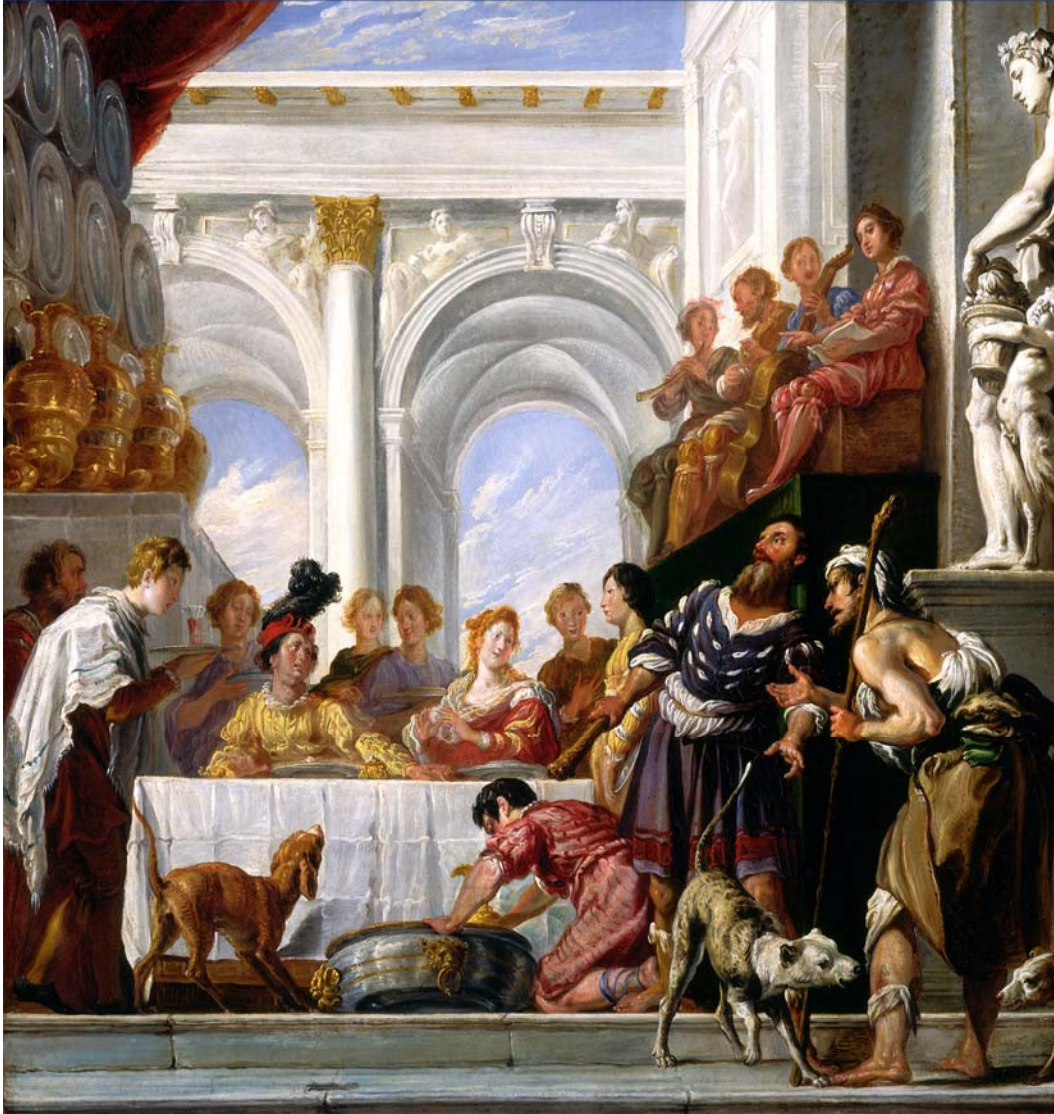


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“Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’” –Luke 16:31

September 29, 2019

*26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule

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

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

Dives and Lazarus

The Gospel according to St. Luke has all kinds of parables that are unique to his book and are not found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, or John. Some of the more famous examples include the Good Samaritan (10:25-37), the Prodigal Son (15:11-32), and the Pharisees and the Publican (18:9-14). One other example is that of the Rich Man and Lazarus (16:19-31) which we will hear proclaimed this weekend.



It focuses on two central figures, that of a poor man named Lazarus and a rich man who is unnamed. Throughout the centuries the rich man has sometimes been referred to by the name of Dives (which would be pronounced more as Dy-vees than as the action which a diver does into a pool of water). As it turns out, Dives is actually the Latin word that would be translated into English as "rich man." This is striking to note since most of secular human history remembers rich and famous people by name and forgets the poor and the lowly.

While there are so many nuances and layers to this particular parable one of the overarching themes that biblical scholars highlight is the idea that God's justice always triumphs. While the proverbial "good guys" or "good gals" may not always experience riches, fame, power, influence, or even health in this life, the Lord takes into account everything that happens here on Earth for every single person. This is not to excuse moral laziness or slothfulness on our part since God will make everything right at the end of time. Quite the opposite!

With the limited time that we are given here we are all called and challenged to love the Lord above all things and to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we see someone who is hungry, thirsty, sick, imprisoned, or suffering in another way we are summoned to show them mercy in the capacity that we are able. May the Lord Jesus, who is rich in mercy, continue to help us to be merciful to others so that we might experience the joys of our Heavenly homeland as Lazarus did.

Peace in Christ
Fr. James



Blessing of the Animals

Join us in front of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm for a Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring a pet treat to share if you like.

This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, September 29, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Monday, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday, October 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday, October 3

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

Friday, October 4, St. Francis of Assisi

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

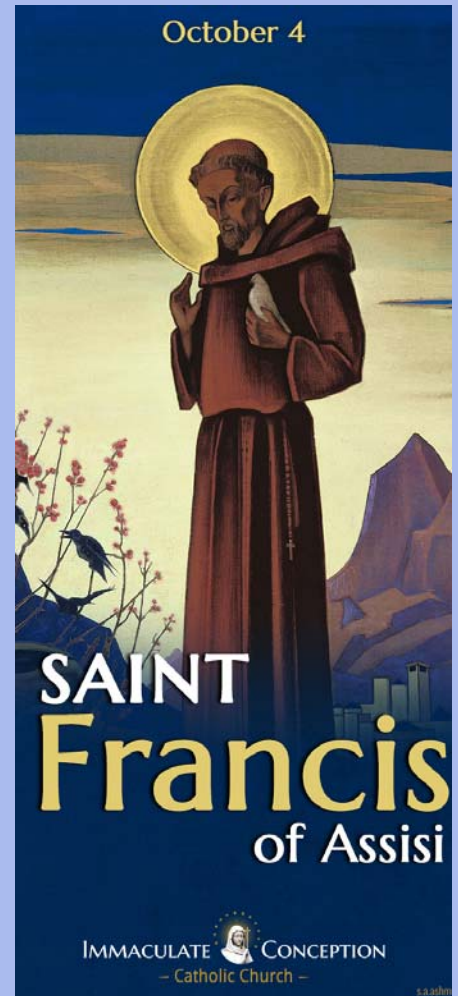
Saturday, October 5, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 6, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

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October Rosary

October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Join us to pray the Rosary, led by the IC Council of Catholic Women, every Sunday in

October in the church immediately following the 10:00 am Mass and weeknights at 6:00 pm led by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!

“True Reformers” Adult Formation Series

All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall (the church basement) for six sessions on saints “who led the Church’s rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation.” Six saints of the Catholic Reformation—Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Avila, and Francis de Sales—“show us just how powerful—and beautiful—is the human heart’s free response to God’s generous grace.”

Choose either Monday sessions beginning September 30 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm (led by Mary Nawrocki) or Friday sessions beginning October 4 at 1:00 - 2:30 pm (led by Father James Peterson). Cost is \$20. To register, please call Mary Scott at the Faith Formation office, 763-788-9062 x 208, or email mscott@immac-church.org.


Priesthood Sunday

A time to say thank you to all the priests in your life: Your pastor, your associate pastor, the priest who baptized you, the priest who married you, the priest who anointed your loved ones as they prepared to enter eternity, the priest who was there for you when you needed him.



Make a special effort to reach out to these outstanding men and let them know how much they are appreciated. A card, a handshake, an invitation to dinner at your home, or better yet, an offer to serve in the

parish ministry he most needs your help in. Why let this opportunity pass when a gesture from you will ‘make his day’? God bless all the men who have offered their lives to bring the Holy Eucharist to us! May they be greatly blessed on this day!

 Serra Club of North-Minneapolis

School News

ICS Marathon

On Saturday, October 5 ICS students will walk, bike, run or skate to raise essential funds for our school. Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000. Please consider a donation to Marathon and help keep nonpublic education on the move!

You can:

- Donate online at ICCSonline.org
- Drop off or mail a donation to the school office
- Place a donation in the collection basket at Mass (Please note that it is for Marathon)

Donations are tax-deductible; checks should be made payable to ICS. Any amount you can give is sincerely appreciated.

We thank you! —ICS Students & Staff



CCW News

- Our October CCW Meeting is October 3. This meeting starts with a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share at 5:30 pm, we will eat at 5:45 pm. Rosary and meeting will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you’ve never attended a CCW meeting please consider coming (no need to bring a dish for first timers).
- If you haven’t yet paid your CCW Membership dues for September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020 year please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$10 payable in cash or check, and are due by October 31, 2019. Checks should be made payable to “IC-CCW”. If you will not be attending the October meeting please mail your dues to: Diane Tieden, 1000 41st Avenue NE #319, Columbia Heights, MN 55421.
- The IC Council of Catholic Women invites you to join us in praying the Rosary every Sunday in October immediately following the 10:00 am Mass.
- The Minneapolis CCW’s Catholic Culture Day “Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary” is October 7 at Lakewood Memorial Chapel. Please contact Pat Jenkinson at 612-210-6827 for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration

“Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night, he will yield his fruit in due season.”

(from Psalm 1:2-3)

The question of “What do you do in adoration?” often comes up and the above psalm gives one suggestion. During an hour of adoration, an adorer can read the Bible or study the Catholic Catechism, (both are available to use in the chapel), and then pray for understanding and guidance in the presence of our Lord. Your path may become clearer and you too will produce great fruit in this life.

We are looking to increase the number of adorers to enable us to keep the chapel open each weekday. We are looking to fill the following hours:

- Tuesdays at noon (partner) and 3:00 pm
- Wednesdays at noon
- Fridays at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm

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

Beyond Our Parish

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop’s website for their Pastoral Letter: “When I Call for Help” ([http:// bit.ly/usecb_dv](http://bit.ly/usecb_dv))

If you or a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY) www.ndvh.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Resumes

Fellowship resumes in Fellowship Hall on October 13. Join us in our updated surroundings in October after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses for donuts, oatmeal and beverages in Fellowship Hall located in the lower level of the church.

Fall Anointing Mass and Reception

Join us on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 1:00 pm for an Anointing Mass in the church. Rev. James Peterson will preside. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall (located in the lower level of the church).

Anointing of the Sick

Join us on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 3:15 pm for an Anointing Mass at New Perspectives, 3801 Hart Boulevard. 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.

Growing Through Loss

“Growing Through Loss” is a grief and loss support ministry that addresses both the educational as well as support aspects of a variety of loss and grief issues. The third session, *A Personal Grief Story: Sharing Hope* with speaker Monica Shearon Christian Mother, Educator, Life Coach, will be on Monday, September 30 from 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm. Each evening is complete in itself. Brochures are available at all entrances to the church.

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 *Peter & Carol Geier, Kathryn Hoefs, Mary Jean Matlon, Sheila Prokott, Irene Spensley* 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: Walter Minh Ashmore • Mary Boatwright
Paul Bona • Michelle Cadieux • Nichole Castonguay
Robin Crisp • Mary Fredenburg • Barbara Kaminski
Brent Kosloski • Gerald Krawiecki • Steven Lauinger
Roger Mack • Sue McSherry • Johnnie Meyering
Janet Mihalik • Shawn Moulzolf • Danille Remarke
Steven Murphy Rogers • Greg Sery • Tammy Swedzinski
Sandra Tabor • Elaine Thunstrom • Lois Weyers
Germaine Wolsfeld • *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.

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Discipleship

Called to Compassion

What does a homeless person need? That may seem like an odd question since being homeless would indicate they certainly need a home. Beyond that though, what does a homeless person need? Most would guess the person needs food, money, clothing, medical care, and toiletries. Many parishes put together drives for those items. Is that all the person needs? It is easy to get caught up in all the things that easily come to mind so that we miss a key thing needed by someone homeless as well as all human beings: to be seen.

How many of us pass by homeless people and pretend they are not even there. We don't have money in our pocket, we don't have food to give, and we don't have material items that they need, so we offer them nothing. We don't even offer ourselves.

Welcoming someone with a kind word is free. Amazingly, we act like it costs us more than anything else. It is easier to hand someone \$5 than it is to engage in a 15-second exchange of words. We talk about being generous, but we need to remember that sometimes the greatest gift we have to give is simply ourselves. The Jesus in me meets the Jesus in you. One day, you or I may find ourselves in a tough spot, and we will be looking for compassion. Let's hope that all those who profess to know Jesus don't simply pass on by pretending not to see us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Praise the Lord, my soul!” | (Ps 146)

Prayer

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.*

September 29 - Rev. Dennis Evenson

September 30 - Abp. Bernard Hebda and

Bp. Andrew Cozzens

October 1 - Pope Francis

October 2 - Rev. James Peterson

October 3 - Rev. Joseph Feders, OSB

October 4 - Rev. Paul Feela

October 5 - Rev. Jerome Fehn

Let Us Pray...

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, October 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the St. Clare Room. This ministry serves to form individuals as prayer intercessors for Immaculate Conception Church and School. Please bring a pen, prayer journal or notebook, and Bible. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Scott in the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 208. All are welcome—invite a friend.

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention: *Cooperation with God's grace for the good fruit that will come forth from the Archdiocesan Synod*

Reflections

Word of Life

“In a striking way, we see today a heightening of the tension between our nation’s founding principles and political reality. We see this in diminishing respect for the inalienable right to life and in the elimination of legal protections for those who are most vulnerable. There can be no genuine justice in our society until the truths on which our nation was founded are more perfectly realized in our culture and law.”

— United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question: *I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?*

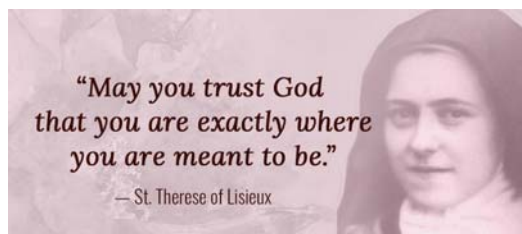
Answer: In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ’s call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

- **Consider your life.** Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?
- **Do some research.** There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.
- **Be open to God’s invitation.** The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

People often think that if they witness something miraculous, it would bring them to a greater faith and motivate them for greater involvement. Such is not necessarily true, as coming to a real and authentic faith still requires that we struggle with ourselves a bit and change our approach to living. Authentic faith is acquired when we see wisdom and life in the words of the prophets and in the teachings of Jesus Christ. All of these point us to a God who has a particular set of priorities for how life is meant to be lived. We have to avoid the trap of complacency that is rooted in preserving our own self-interests and living lives that pursue “righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” (1 TM 6: 11) Complacency keeps us stuck in the status quo and prevents us from working toward respect for life, equality, and justice, and from advocating on behalf of the needs of the poor, the homeless, and the alien. Are you complacent?

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 29

Mass _____ 8:00 am
Pancake Breakfast _____ 8:30 am - 11:45 am
Mass (Liturgy of the Word for Children) _____ 10:00 am
Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am

Monday, September 30

Boy Scouts Troop 119 _____ 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
True Reformers Formation Series _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, October 1

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Anointing Mass (reception to follow) _____ 1:00 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, October 2

Mass _____ 7:30 am
Communion Service, Crest View _____ 3:15 pm
First Aid and CPR Training _____ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith Formation Dinner _____ 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Faith Formation, Preschool - Grade 6 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Faith Formation, Grades 7 - 8 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Confirmation I, Grade 9 _____ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Parish Choir _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, October 3

Mass (School) _____ 8:30 am
ICS Grandparents Day _____ 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Anointing Mass, New Perspectives _____ 3:15 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
CCW Membership Meeting _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Officers _____ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Bell Choir _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
RCIA _____ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, October 4

Mass _____ 7:30 am
True Reformers Formation Series _____ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Rosary (led by the Knights of Columbus) _____ 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 5

ICS Marathon _____ 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Reconciliation _____ 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Mass (CCW Procession) _____ 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group _____ 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, October 6

Mass _____ 8:00 am
Mass (Liturgy of the Word for Children) _____ 10:00 am
Rosary (led by the CCW) _____ 11:00 am
Mass (Spanish) _____ 11:30 am
Blessing of the Animals _____ 1:00 pm

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 29

8 am +Katherine Bindert
10 am David Mensa Amarvi/
Semeon Sado Family
11³ am IC Parishioners

Tuesday, October 1

7³ am +Peter & Carol Geier,
+CCW Deceased Members,
Julio Jaramillo

Wednesday, October 2

7³ am +Eileen Latawiec

Thursday, October 1

8³ am +Irene Spensley

Friday, October 2

7³ am +Robert Soukup,
Cornelio & Javier
Hernandez

Saturday, October 3

5 pm +Lawrence & JoAnn Molan

Sunday, October 4

8 am +Mary Jo Shutte
10 am +Randal & Betty Lou
Wilcox
11³ am IC Parishioners

+Deceased

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Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille	x 212
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Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki	x 210
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dave Kellner Kathy Johnson Charles Karanja
 Stacy McVary Marcus Paulson
 Jane Bona (School Principal)
 Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)

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.

“Never get tired of doing little things for others. Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.” | St. Therese of Lisieux

Gospel Meditation

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you saw someone dead come to life tomorrow, what would you change about your life? Would you say “nothing”? That’s what Jesus seems to hope. After all, we already know what to do. In this Sunday’s Gospel, a rich man and a poor man pass away, the former to damnation and the latter to peaceful

rest alongside the Jewish patriarchs. The rich man asks if the poor man can appear to his brothers and advise them to live a more virtuous life. The parable offers a strong rebuke: “*They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.*” In other words, they should already know what to do.

We, too, know what to do. More than Moses, Jesus Christ himself has spoken, and continues to speak through his Church. The rich man did not heed the wise words, despite knowing them. If we are convicted against certain Christian teachings in our heart, how much good will miraculous “proofs” do? We know more than the law and the prophets—we know the prophetic law of love proclaimed by Jesus Christ. Are we living like we believe it?

Where in our lives are we like the rich man? Do we know how to treat the poor but still we ignore them in our excess? Do we know the third commandment, but the Sunday liturgy feels “optional” when other weekend commitments arise? Have we heard Christ’s teachings on sexuality, but consider them out of reach for us? We have received a great many truths as Christian people. We are blessed by God with the sacraments and the abundance of His graces. We have what we need—in Him — to begin to live a virtuous life *now*. ©LPi



The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

It’s good to know we’re not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. “*See that you do not despise one of*

these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let’s pray together to our own heavenly help: *Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.* ©LPi

Collections

Weekend of September 21/22

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 5,185.00
Plate Collection	1,664.02
WeShare Online Giving	510.50
Total Weekly Collection	\$ 7,359.52

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

PARISH VISITATION

Where:

Immaculate Conception Church
4030 Jackson Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55414

When:

Thursday, October 10

Schedule:

- 8:30 am – Procession and crowning of statue for the school Mass
- 9:15 am – Fatima presentation by statue custodian
- 9:30 am – Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary, Chaplet throughout the day
- 7:00 pm – Presentation on Our Lady of Fatima
- 7:30 pm – Rosary
- 7:55 pm – Benediction
- 8 pm – Closing remarks and Fatima farewell

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