“When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'”

Luke 17:10b

October 6, 2019

27th 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 (Spanish) 11:30 am

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Our Lady of the Rosary
Could you imagine confronting a fierce armada of 300 warships with a mere 200 ships at your command? That was the exact situation for a group of Christian sailors on October 7, 1571. They were drastically outnumbered and considerably outmatched against the fleet of the Ottoman Empire. In spite of those odds, at the encouragement of Pope Pius V, those Christian sailors and other faith-filled believers throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. Their confident trust in the intercession of Our Blessed Mother was well-founded since the Battle of Lepanto became a decisive victory for them.

With deep gratitude for the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary it makes sense that the same Pope Pius V called for an annual celebration on the first Sunday of October to commemorate Our Lady of Victory or, as she came to be known afterwards, Our Lady of the Rosary. Within your own life do you think there are any insurmountable battles that are taking place? Do your current life circumstances seem overwhelming and you don’t know what to do? I would gently encourage you to pray the Rosary.

The entire month of October is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother and a time-honored way to connect with her, so as to grow in deeper connection with her Son Jesus, is through the Rosary. If a complete Rosary of contemplating five mysteries from the life of Christ or Our Blessed Mother seems too daunting be patient with yourself and start small. Aim for praying one mystery of the Rosary each day and then add to it as you are able. Ultimately, we are Christian believers who know that it is Jesus who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. At the same time, He has a special purpose and role for Our Blessed Mother to help us along in our journey. To her, Our Lady of the Rosary, we say, “Pray for us!”

Peace in Christ
Fr. James

This Week’s Readings and Observances

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

Monday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary
Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 8
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 9, St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday, October 10
Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday, October 11, St. John XXIII, Pope

Saturday, October 12
Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 13, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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Church of the Immaculate Conception · Columbia Heights
OCTOBER 6, 2019

Parish News

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!

Blessing of the Animals
Join us in front of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary this 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.

Heggies Pizza Sale
Heggies pizza will be on sale (to benefit our Faith Formation programs) after all Masses October 19-20 and 26-27. Be sure to sample the pizzas during the pancake breakfast after the 8:00 and 10:00 am Sunday Masses on October 20. Contact Mary Nawrocki 763-788-9062 x 210 or mnawrocki@immac-church.org to place orders during the week. Delivery will be the weekend of November 23 - 24 after all Masses. What a great time to stock up on the BEST frozen pizza!

Another way to help: Take an order sheet to your workplace or better yet, sell to your Facebook friends. Heggies is a pizza people love to buy! Thank you in advance for your support!

October Rosary

Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima
Immaculate Conception Church is hosting the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima on Thursday, October 10, from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, as part of an Archdiocesan tour of the statue October 1-22. This historic image has been traveling worldwide since 1947, when it set forth from Fatima to bring Our Lady’s message of hope and peace to a world in need after the devastation of World War II.

The image was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima who prayed that Our Lady’s presence would accompany the statue on her travels. In 1952, it was blessed by Pope Pius XII, who commented: “In 1946, I crowned Our Lady of Fatima as Queen of the World and the following year, through the Pilgrim Virgin, she set forth as though to claim her dominion, and the favors she performs along the way are such that we can hardly believe what we are seeing with our eyes.”

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue has visited 100 countries, including Russia and China, and is primarily how the message of Fatima spread throughout the world. Hundreds of favors and graces, including cures and countless conversions are associated with the image. The presence of this special statue, sculpted according to Sister Lucia’s description of Our Lady, is a great gift to our community.

Please join us that day to hear the story of Fatima, pray with Our Lady and allow her to bring the graces of Fatima to our parish.

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
Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Sunday
Join us Sunday, October 13 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). Hosted by our Ushers.

Pastoral Care Meeting
Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00 pm in the St Francis Room located on the second floor of the school (the elevator is available through the parish office).

Anointing of the Sick
There will be an Anointing Mass at Crest View on 42nd (corner of 42nd and Central Avenues) on Thursday, November 8, 2019 at 3:15 pm. 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 fourth session, Families during Grief, with speaker Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist, will be on Monday, October 7 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 763-788-9062 x 212.

Pray For Our Loved Ones Who Have Died
Especially 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: Mary Boatwright • Paul Bona • Michelle Cadieux Nichole Castonguay • Robin Crisp • Mary Fredenburg Justine Grow • Barbara Kaminski • Brent Kosloski Gerald Krawiecki • Steven Launing • Roger Mack Sue McSherry • Johnnie Meyer • 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.

Dear Visitor, We are glad to see you today! It is our goal that every visitor feel welcomed and included, as part of the family of God. We have ministries to help individuals build relationships, feel a sense of belonging, and create a community pleasing to God. Whether you are married or single, young or old, all of us find our purpose in life and our connection with each other in the wonderful fact that God loves us. He has an exciting plan for our life and we are here to help you discover that plan, and to follow His will. Our church is committed to serving you and welcoming you into our family. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Know that we are here for you and we welcome new members!

For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

40 Days for Life
Join us Saturday, October 19, 2019 to pray at Planned Parenthood in the Midway section of Saint Paul. We have committed to having two (or more) persons, participating in prayer, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. By standing or sitting peacefully in prayer at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 19, we will show our commitment in defense of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Please consider a one hour commitment and maybe ask a friend or family member to join you. Volunteers from our Social Justice Committee will be in the narthex after all Masses this weekend and October 12-13. For additional information contact Vicki Bazille at 763-788-9062 x 212 or Diane Tieden at 763-788-1897.

40 Dias Por La Vida
• Sábado, 19 de Octubre del 2019
• En el “Planned Parenthood” de Saint Paul
• Se necesitan voluntarios para orar en turnos de cada hora, 6:00 am - 6:00 pm
• Contacten a Vicki, 763-788-9062 para apuntarse

Eucharistic Adoration

“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing Psalms to him.”
(from Psalm 95)

We at Immaculate Conception Church are so blessed to have a Eucharistic adoration chapel on our campus. In this ministry, there are 115 adorers who come each week for an hour of prayer along with many visitors who stop in the chapel for a few moments of prayer. The ministry of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is alive and well within our parish and in December we will mark the ten year anniversary of the opening of our chapel.

Everyone is invited to come into His presence in our adoration chapel and join this prayer-filled ministry. Our chapel is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm.

We are looking to expand our ministry and need to fill the following hours:
• Tuesdays at noon (partner) and 3:00 pm
• Wednesdays at noon and 5:00 pm
• Fridays at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm

We also are in need of additional partner adorers and substitute adorers. If you are interested in covering an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246 for more information.

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Word of Life
“When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.”
— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities 2019-20 Respect Life Reflection

The Mysteries of the Rosary
Have you ever wanted to explore the life of Jesus and Mary in a deeper way? Each decade highlights a sacred episode:

Joyful Mysteries: Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary’s joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

Luminous Mysteries: Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

Glorious Mysteries: Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus’ followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

Sorrowful Mysteries: Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

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Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week
All of the violence and unrest we regularly witness in our world can easily distress us. We can also find ourselves wondering how long it will take before God intervenes and does something about it. Then we remember our call to discipleship and spreading the Good News of the Gospel. We recall the persecutions the early disciples endured and the fate of so many martyrs throughout history, both past and present. It is not God’s responsibility to fix our mess but ours. God has given us the power of love and a strength of endurance that comes from Him alone. Our request of God becomes that of the disciples: “Increase our faith.” It is our task to stand up for the values of the Gospel and live them regardless of the price.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
(Psalm 95)

The Week Ahead

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 6

- +Mary Jo Shutte
- +Randal & Betty Lou Wilcox
- +Bernard Kunkel
- +Harvey Bosser

Thursday, October 10

- +J. V. Botzet

Friday, October 11

- +Bonnie Crema

Saturday, October 12

- +Katherine Bindert

Sunday, October 13

- +Deceased
Church Directory

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

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Reception Desk ......................................................... x 201
Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser .................. x 227
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Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick ............... x 204

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Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott ............... x 208

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School Fax .............................................................. 763-788-9066
Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org) ........ x 220
Director of Advancement/School Business Manager,
Mary Beth Pfeifer .................................................. x 203
Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko ............. x 219

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.

“The Rosary is the “weapon” for these times.”
—St. Padre Pio

Collections

Weekend of September 28/29
Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection report for the
weekend of September 28/29 will be printed in next week’s bulletin.

Gospel Meditation

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“When you have done all you have been commanded, say ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’ ” The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It’s important to remember that we do have a place at God’s table. But we don’t “earn” it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service.

When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we’re imitating the Good Samaritan. We’re visiting Jesus! We’re growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we’re seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we’re meant to serve? That is, is this where we’re meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.” But, ultimately, we’re not the ones doing the deeds. We’re not the ones “earning” the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift.

Discipleship

How Much Is Enough?
During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn’t always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.

Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don’t be fooled by Jesus’ teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
Join us on Sunday, October 20
and on the 3rd (and 5th) Sundays of the month for

PANCAKE BREAKFAST!

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Fellowship Hall
8:30 - 11:45 am

Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, eggs and beverages

Welcome Back Volunteers!

Free-will offerings accepted