

IMMACULATE  CONCEPTION
– Catholic Church –

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**“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”**

Matthew 17:5b

“The Transfiguration”, Raphael [Public Domain] (wikiart.org)

March 8, 2020

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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Stations of the Cross

Friday	2:00 pm and 7:00 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

"It Is Good That We Are Here."

Life is a precious gift from the Lord and it is indeed good that we are here on Earth in the year of 2020, in the United States, in the State of Minnesota, and—for some who are reading this bulletin article at this very moment—in the church of the Immaculate Conception in Columbia Heights. The grace and mercy of Christ is with us to strengthen us and empower us in these Lenten days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. At the same time, we are not made for merely temporal experiences—we are made for the joys of eternal life with God.



Within our earthly journey we will have moments where it seems like we're climbing up a mountain. When we reach the peaks of those mountains we might be tempted to say similar words to St. Peter when he and James and John had climbed up a mountain with Jesus and witnessed his transfiguration, "Lord, it is good that we are here" (Matthew 17:4). Without a doubt, and not to diminish those beautiful and blessed and sacred moments that God provides us in our sojourns of faith, we can be grateful for those times but also continue to press onward with our sights fixed on Heaven. We are given those bright shining moments to remind us that the pains and sufferings and trials of this life will have an end and one day we will experience the fullness of eternal peace as we remain faithful to Christ in our discipleship. May Jesus bless you as we go through this special liturgical season so that one day in the halls of Heaven we can definitively say forever, "It is good that we are here."



This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, March 8

2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time

Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 10

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 11

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 12

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 13

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 14

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 15

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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Eucharistic Adoration

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; Listen to Him.”

(Matthew 17:5)

Come to our Eucharistic adoration chapel and through prayer listen to what Jesus has to say to you. Lent is a time to slow down, if only for a short time, and become closer to Jesus. Our chapel is available to everyone for that purpose. Come and pray before Jesus in adoration.

If you would like information about Eucharistic adoration or are interested in signing up for an hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

We are looking to fill the following vacant hours:

- Mondays at noon
- Wednesdays at noon
- Thursdays at 5:00 pm
- Fridays at 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

We also are in need of additional partner and substitute adorers.



Council of Catholic Women

Butter Braid Pastry Fundraiser

CCW members will be in the church narthex after all weekend Masses to take orders for Butter Braid Pastries. We will also be taking orders at the pancake breakfast next weekend and we'll have samples! Each pastry is made from sweet yeasted pastry dough, layered with real butter, hand-braided, with fruit and cream fillings. The pastries come frozen, allowing you the choice of when to thaw, rise, bake and eat! Cost is \$13.00 or \$14.00 each. All profits raised from our fundraisers are used to support our parish, school, family and pro-life ministries.

Faith Formation

Save the Date for Totus Tuus!



TOTUS TUUS

Mark your calendars for our Totus Tuus summer programs—a week of faith and fun led by a team of college students and seminarians. The program includes two sessions: a day camp for children entering grades 1-6 on June 8-12, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, and an evening program for youth entering grades 7-12 on June 7-11, 7:30 pm to 9:30 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 and Confession
- Hot Topics
- Social Time

For more information, please call the Faith Formation Office at 763-788-9062 x 210.

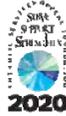
School News

Queen of May

Save the date for the Queen of May Dinner and Auction to benefit Immaculate Conception School, Friday, May 1, 2020, 5:30 pm. Tickets go on sale March 14.



Parish News



Serve the Poor Support Life Strengthen the Faith

Catholic Services Appeal

How will you give alms this Lent? Help those in need—go to GiveCSAF.org and donate today! Thank you from the 20 Designated Ministries of the CSAF!

Questions about where exactly your dollars go when you give to the Appeal? Donated dollars come in and checks directly to the 20 Designated Ministries go out—it's truly that basic. Independent audit reports are available online at www.csafspm.org (under "About", "Financial Reports"). Still have questions? Email us at info@csafspm.org or call 612-294-6622.

Dear Visitor

We are glad to see you today! 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.

Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of Easter flowers and decorations, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office in an envelope marked:

Easter Flower Memorial, Attention: Parish Office

Donations can also be made online at ICCSonline.org.

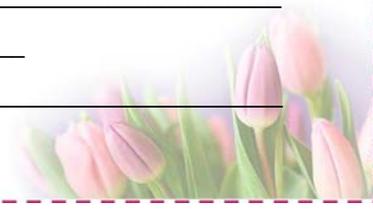
The names of your loved ones will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin* so they can be remembered in a special way throughout the Easter season. Thank you!

**Names must be submitted by Monday, March 30 to be included in the Easter bulletin. Names received after March 30 will appear in subsequent bulletins.*

In memory/honor of: _____

Amount: _____

Donor: _____



Pastoral Ministry

Fellowship Sunday

Join us this Sunday, March 8 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 the IC Music Ministry.

Anointing of the Sick

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

10th Annual Women's Lenten Retreat



Presented by
Ann Marie Cosgrove

Immaculate Conception Church
Fellowship Hall (lower level of the church)

Saturday, March 14, 2020

9:00 am - 1:00 pm (Registration 8:30 am)

Admission \$20.00 (light breakfast and lunch included)

For more information, call Diane Tieden, 763-788-1897

Lenten Soup Lunch

Join us for Soup Lunch this Friday, March 13, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 2:00 pm. We will once again be serving soup (Northern Bean, Clam Chowder and Tomato Basil) on six consecutive Fridays in Lent. Free will offerings will be accepted.

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 *Delores M. Farley* 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: Paul Bona • Mary Fredenburg

Barbara Kaminski • Gerald Krawiecki • Steven Lauinger

Roger Mack • Janet Mihalik • Shawn Moulzolf

Danille Remarke • 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.

Social Justice

Feed My Starving Children

The IC Social Justice Committee is inviting all parishioners to join us to help collect funds for "Feed My Starving Children".



Ways to Help:

- **M&M's fill the tube program:** Tubes will be available (while they last) in the church narthex and parish office. Please return on or before Palm Sunday, April 5 filled with \$14 in quarters, bills or a check. We will provide a basket in the church narthex each weekend for returns.
- **Cash Contributions:** If writing a check please make it payable to Immaculate Conception. Checks written to "Feed My Starving Children" will not go toward the fundraiser. Please drop in the collection basket at Mass in the envelopes provided or an envelope clearly marked "Feed My Starving Children".
- Pray for all those who are hungry.

For more information contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Minnesota Food Share Collection



March 21-22. Please bring monetary donations and/or nonperishable items for SACA, our local food shelf. Boxes will be provided in the church narthex for food donations. Checks or cash

should be placed in envelopes provided or marked *FoodShare* and placed in the collection basket at the Offertory. *Please make checks payable to SACA.*

Prayer

Let Us Pray...

Join us for the next Intercessory Prayer Ministry meeting on Friday, March 13 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. RSVP to Mary Scott, 763-788-9062 x 208, in the Faith Formation Office if you plan to attend. All are welcome—invite a friend!

Monthly Prayer Intention

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month's prayer intention: *Clarity of vision for the discipleship efforts at Immaculate Conception.*

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.*

March 8 - Rev. Thomas McKenzie, Jr.

March 9 - Rev. Steven McMichael, O.F.M. Conv.

March 10 - Rev. Benny Varghese, C.F.I.C.

March 11 - Rev. Philip Mardinger, B.H.

March 12 - Rev. Aaron Meszaros, C.Ss.R

March 13 - Rev. Frederick Meyer

March 14 - Rev. John Meyer

Reflections

Word of Life

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life” (*The Gospel of Life* 28).

—Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

Why Do We Do That? — Catholic Life Explained

Question: *Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?*

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren’t going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand. So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God’s plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Have you ever given much thought to who you were really created to be? Our lives are the product of various circumstances, choices, predetermined scenarios, and a whole host of events and inherited baggage. All of these components come together and form the person we understand ourselves to be. Jesus knew who he was and who he was becoming. He showed his transfigured self to his disciples on a high mountain and revealed to them who he was really meant to be. The weaknesses, imperfections, fears, and impressions that we carry with us often color our choices and hinder us from really seeing the greater picture of who we are. What do you imagine your transfigured self to be? Jesus promises a new life in heaven. Have you ever given much thought to what that may mean for you?

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Archdiocesan Synod

Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What’s working and what’s not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The final event is: *Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am - noon, St. Alphonsus, Brooklyn Center (bilingual Spanish/English).*

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 8, 2nd Sunday of Lent

Butter Braid Pastry Sale	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Fellowship Sunday	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Children’s Liturgy of the Word	10:00 am - 11:00 am

Monday, March 9

RCIC I	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Boy Scouts Troop 119	6:45 pm - 8:15 pm
Divine Mercy Formation Series	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, March 10

Pastoral Ministry Visitors	2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
School Advisory Council	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11

Discipleship Committee	6:00 pm - 7:00 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	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, March 12

Funeral Schola	10:00 am - 11:00 am
Divine Mercy Formation Series	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Communion Service, Crest View on 42nd	3:15 pm
Bell Choir	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
RCIA	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, March 13

Lenten Soup Lunch	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Stations of the Cross	2:00 pm - 2:30 pm
RCIC I	4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 14

Women’s Retreat	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Saturday Morning Club	9:00 am - 10:30 am
Reconciliation	3:00 pm - 4:45 pm
ICS 80th Anniversary All Class Reunion	3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
CCW Butter Braid/ICS Candy Bar Sales	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Group	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, March 15, 3rd Sunday of Lent

Butter Braid Pastry Sale	8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Pancake Breakfast	8:30 am - 11:45 pm
ICS Candy Bar Sale	9:00 am - 11:30 am
Children’s Liturgy of the Word	10:00 am - 11:00 am

Masses and Intentions

Sunday, March 8

Mass, +Ed & Mary Sadowsky	8:00 am
Mass, +Harvey Boser	10:00 am
Mass in Spanish	11:30 am

Monday, March 9

Funeral Mass, Beulah Hutchins (10:00 am Visitation)	11:00 am
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Tuesday, March 10

Mass, +Eileen Latawiec	7:30 am
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Wednesday, March 11

Mass, Glafira Jaimes, Anahi & Magdaleno Hernandez	7:30 am
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Thursday, March 12

Mass (School), +Marilyn Birkholz	8:30 am
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Friday, March 13

Mass, +Lorraine Mell, +Betsy Hattenberger	7:30 am
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Saturday, March 14

Mass, +Leroy Willman	5:00 pm
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Sunday, March 15

Mass, +Deceased Members Vincent Guzik Family	8:00 am
Mass, +Adella Rimer	10:00 am
Mass in Spanish, IC Parishioners	11:30 am

+Deceased

Church Directory

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

PARISH

Parish Office.....	763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)	
Parish Fax.....	763-788-0202
Pastor, Fr. James Peterson.....	x 215
Accounting Specialist, Julie Mack.....	x 204
Communications Coordinator, Sue Ashmore.....	x 205
Director of Music and Liturgy, Ray Bannon.....	x 214
Director of Marketing, Hazel Jordan.....	x 207
Maintenance Supervisor, Doug Olson.....	x 218
Pastoral Minister, Vicki Bazille.....	x 212
Parish Business Manager, Michael Wilde.....	x 202
Reception Desk.....	x 201
Records Coordinator, Terri Glaeser.....	x 227
Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman.....	x 221
Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick.....	x 204

FAITH FORMATION

Director of Faith Formation, Mary Nawrocki.....	x 210
Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott.....	x 208

SCHOOL

School Office.....	763-788-9065
School Fax.....	763-788-9066
Principal, Jane Bona (jbona@immac-church.org).....	x 220
Director of Advancement/School Business Manager,	
<i>Mary Beth Pfeifer.....</i>	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 entrance to the church.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

Collections

Weekend of February 29 - March 1

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 4,894.94
Plate Collection.....	3,091.10
WeShare Online Giving.....	1,062.50
Automatic Withdrawal.....	5,812.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$ 14,860.54

Gospel Meditation

Second Sunday of Lent



Psychology has taught us a great deal about family dynamics and how we have come to be the person we find ourselves to be. We are comprised of such a mixed bag of blessings and obstacles with their graced moments and sinful ones. Think back on the journey of your life and

how the many different and varied choices that you made influenced the direction your life. If you didn't go on that first date with your spouse, who would be beside you today? If you chose to be in one place rather than another, what would have happened to the course your life has taken? We are on such a wonderful, exciting journey. What is most incredible and awesome is that we are not alone! God is with us. He inspires, heals, opens doors, and calls us every moment of our lives. The very life we have is due only to Him.

We can all sit down and list adjectives describing who we are. One may find him or herself more artistic than another or quicker with wit. We have unique gifts and talents and have the great gift of free will, which we treasure. Our histories come with more baggage for some and less hurdles for others, but we all have to find our way through the path we are on. However, have you ever given much thought to who you *really* are? That question has more merit than may at first appear.

We know ourselves as we live out our earthly journey. But do we know our heavenly self? What we know here is only one small part of who God has made us to be. The disciples really thought they knew Jesus until they went up the mountain. We also may think we know our true selves, too. We know that in eternal life we shall not only see God, but become like Him. Who will you be? What surprise do you think God has for you?

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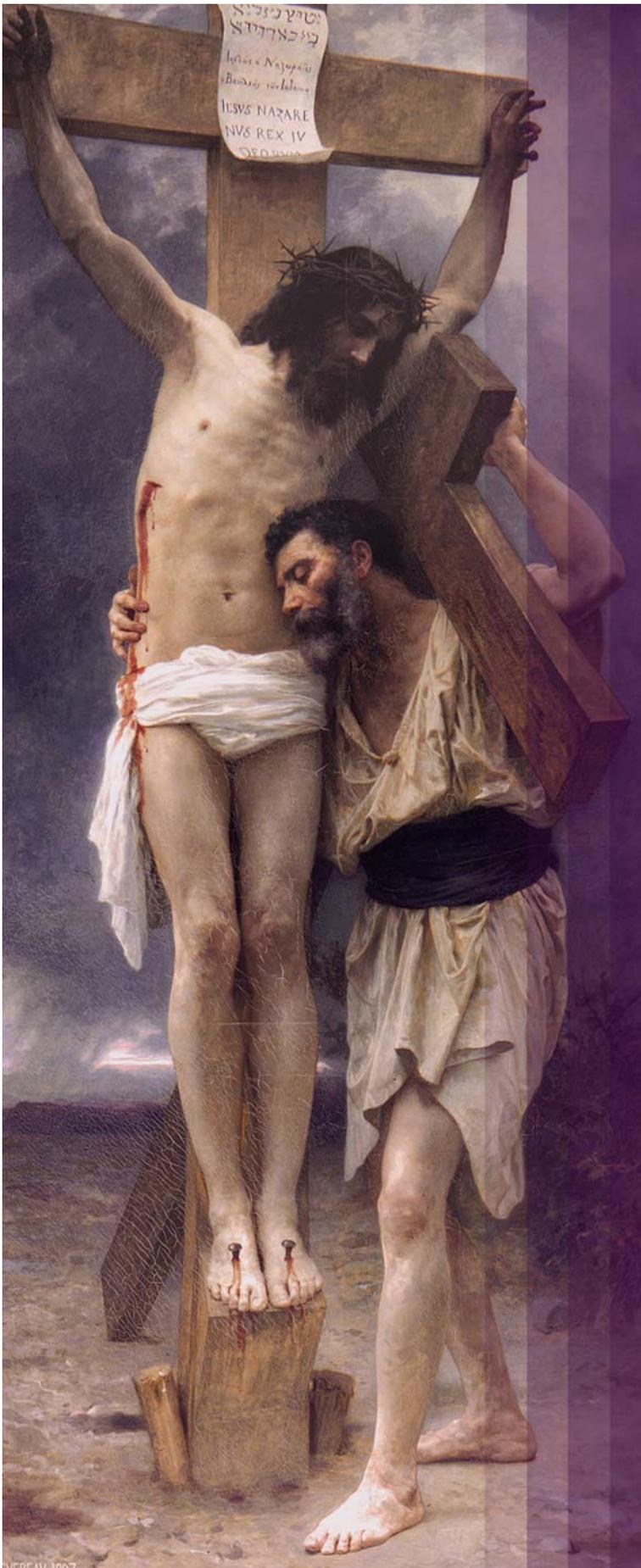
Discipleship

Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment. This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPi



Uniting Our Sufferings With Those of Christ

Bi-lingual Lenten Retreat

with Fr. Vincent Davila, O.P.

Immaculate Conception Church
Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 27 -
Saturday, March 28

Viernes: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Sabado: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 (includes food)

For questions/para preguntas:
Mary Nawrocki
mnawrocki@immac-church.org

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