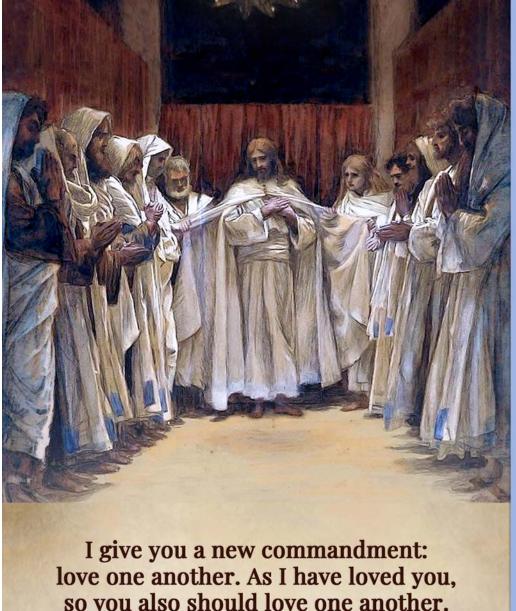


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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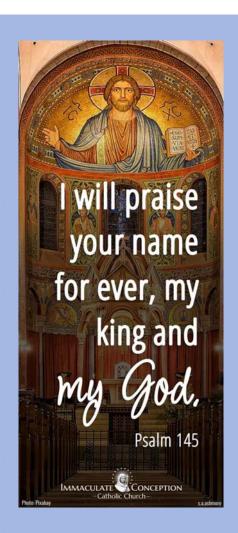
so you also should love one another.

JOHN 13:34

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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

God's Dwelling

There is an intriguing line in the Second Reading of Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter that states, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God" (Revelation 21:3). Within the Old Testament the Lord revealed Himself as "Emmanuel" or "God with

us" as a prophetic anticipation of His Incarnation. The message from the quoted passage from the Book of Revelation takes on an added layer of meaning when we consider another alternative translation of the original Greek word of " $\sigma \kappa \eta \nu \dot{\eta}$." Pronounced in English transliterally as "skene" this word could be translated as "dwelling" or "tent" or "tabernacle." (Source: https://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g4633/kjv/tr/0-1/)

As Catholic Christians the proverbial bells should be going off in our hearts and minds when we encounter the word of "tabernacle" since it has such a strong connection to the Eucharist. The Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar necessitates a reverential and fitting place for the Eucharist to be reposed. That is why precious metals and occasionally precious gems are utilized for the Tabernacle that is placed within a church or a chapel as we do at Immaculate Conception. This is a visual way for us to remember the inspired words of Revelation 21:3 that "God's dwelling [that is to say tabernacle] is with the human race."

While we are all pilgrims on this journey in the world we have the blest assurance that the Lord is with us through His Holy Word (Sacred Scripture), in the prayerful gathering of two or more believers and His ordained ministers (Church), and in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar (Eucharist). May we joyfully press onward and share this Good News by our loving words and thankful actions.

Fr. James

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This Week's Readings

Sunday, May 15, 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Isidore Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday, May 16

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 17

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 18, St. John I, Pope and Martyr Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 19

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 20, St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Acts 16:1–10/Ps 100:1b–2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18–21

Sunday, May 22, 6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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Discipleship

Loving as New Creations

"There's something different about you."

Think about the times in your life when this has been said to you. Maybe it was after someone complimented you on a job well done, and you realized that you were walking through life with a little more confidence. Maybe it was after meeting someone special, as you carried the glow of that relationship wherever you went. Chances are, if someone has noticed something different about you, it's because, inwardly, you've been changed by the loving or respectful actions of another person.

Love, you see, can make us into new creations. From the love of God flows the grace to tackle any challenge, including the biggest challenge of all: loving each other well. Christ knows what a big request this is. He was human, too. He came and lived among us. He knew intimately what it was to love people in the chaos of their own flaws. He knew what he was asking of us when he said, "As I have loved you, so you should also love one another."

In essence, this is the call to stewardship: loving as Christ loves, amidst the messiness of everyday reality. Loving with accountability, challenging ourselves and our brothers and sisters to be faithful even when it is hard. Loving with an unflinching sense of hospitality that welcomes even those we do not agree with or understand. Loving with gratitude, giving thanks for the great variety of ways that Christ can make himself known to us through others.

It isn't easy — we all know that. But if we ask God for the grace to remain steadfast in this greatest commandment, we will be given what we need to live as new creations.

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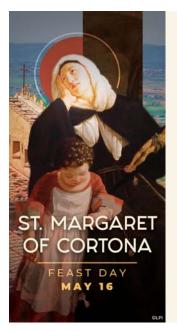


Eucharistic Adoration

"The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5a)

Prayers said by adorers during their adoration hour are directed to Jesus, who sits on the throne in heaven and is present in the Monstrance on our chapel altar. Adorers know their prayers are heard and they often say their time spent in adoration helps them get through all events of life. Everyone is invited to experience the peace of Eucharistic adoration in our chapel.

Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am and we are always looking for more scheduled adorers. Currently we are looking for volunteers to cover **Mondays at 1:00 pm and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. We are also looking for partner adorers for many hours.** If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, or are unable to attend your scheduled hour please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.



Saint of the Week

St. Margaret of Cortona | May 16

Though St. Margaret of Cortona (1247 – 1297) is today known as being an incredibly pious Catholic, she didn't start out that way. Born into a farming family in Laviano, Tuscany, her mother died when St. Margaret was seven. Her father remarried, but life with her stepmother was so difficult that St. Margaret moved out of the home and instead chose to live with a man named Arsenio, though they weren't married. They had been living together for nine years when she gave birth to a son. Knowing in her heart that this wasn't the life that God intended for her to have, she prayed for purity.

One day while waiting for Arsenio, his dog led her into the forest where she found Arsenio murdered. So shocked was St. Margaret that she fell into a life of penance. She and her son returned to Laviano, but still found her stepmother to be as unwelcoming as ever. They then went to Cortona, and eventually her son became a friar.

Three years after her conversion, St. Margaret followed in her son's footsteps and became a Franciscan tertiary. During her life, St. Margaret established a hospital and founded a congregation of tertiary sisters. She was canonized in 1728.

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Pastoral Ministry

Anointing of the Sick

Individual Anointing of the Sick is available by request — call the parish office at 763-788-9062.

"Growing Through Loss"

The fifth session of the spring series will be held Thursday evening, May 19 from 6:45 – 9:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave NW New Brighton, MN 55112.

Each session is complete in itself. Educator, Dr. Nora Flom, will speak on the topic, "Peace in Pieces." Brochures are available at all entrances of the church. For more information contact Vicki at $762-788-9062 \times 212$.

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. We are looking for volunteers to join our Prayer Tree — for information, please contact Vicki, 763-788-9062 x 212.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Patricia Aasen, all who have died from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of violence. May God grant them everlasting peace and joy in the kingdom of heaven.

Pray for All the Sick—Especially:

Bea Alain, Paul Bona, Robin Crisp, Jim Davis,
Mary Fredenburg, Brian Gourley, Irene Gray, Jim Johnson,
Len Jurek, Marge Klimek, Stacey Drews Kochmann,
Linda Kosloski, Gerald Krawiecki, Doug Krier, Joan Landberg,
Steven Lauinger, Tom Leight Sr., Janet Mihalik, Teddy Miller,
Shawn Moulzolf, Katie Oftedahl, Dianne Redman, Greg Sery,
Martha Stwora, Elaine Thunstrom, Sandra Tabor, Lois Weyers,
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, Welcome, 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 that we welcome new members! For more information about ICC or to become a member contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x 212.

Trivia Time!

Catholic Trivia — Just for Fun!

Question: Who is the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized? $_{\text{OLPi}}$

Answer: Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821)

Social Justice Ministry

Coins for Social Justice - Next Weekend

Small change can do a world of good!

Drop your spare change in the collection basket next weekend. Only loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Coins for Social Justice, Marked envelopes are available in the church narthex for checks or bills. The coin total for Sunday, April 25, 2022 was \$168.10. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Baptismal Bib

Question: At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer: When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually LOVING each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

Word of Life

"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily
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"He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."

(Rev 21:4)

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Sunday, May 15

8:00 am +John Litchy

10:00 am +Harvey and Helen Boser

11:30 am IC Parish

Thursday, May 19

8:30 am +Dennis Lind

Friday, May 20

7:30 am +K of C Deceased Members,

+John and Phyllis Anderson,

+Betty Haeg

Saturday, May 21

5:00 pm +Slawko (Sid) and Iolanda (Linda) Dupak

Sunday, May 22

8:00 am +Albert Kordiak

10:00 am +Leroy and Reggie Willman

11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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Gospel Meditation

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



CCW News

Congratulations to Kathy Morales! She was honored on April 29, 2022, as one of four women named Volunteer of the Year at the St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women convention.

Kathy has been a part of IC's CCW for many years. You have seen her actively involved in many IC charities and fundraisers: Summer Jam, Christmas boutique, nut sale, and the Easter Butter braids! Kathy keeps us informed with political issues, promoting us to Vote Our Faith. Thank you, Kathy, for being a great example of living your Catholic faith.

See the article in the April 28 Catholic Spirit for more details.



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Sunday Envelopes\$	4,466.30
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May Rosary

May is the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary! Join us to pray the Rosary at Immaculate Conception during the month of May – weeknights at 6:00 pm led by the Knights of Columbus in the church, and Sundays after the 10:00 am Mass led by the Council of Catholic Women.

"I take refuge, then, in prayer, and turn to Mary, and our Lord always triumphs." -Saint Thérèse of Lisieux



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Sunday, May 15 Pancake Breakfast8:00 am - 11:30 am

Boy Scouts Troop 119 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Monday, May 16

St. Jude's Circle1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Totus Tuus Team Meeting......4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Into His Likeness Series......7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, May 17

Charismatic Prayer Group7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 18

Parish Choir Rehearsal7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 19

Into His Likeness Series10:00 am - 11:30 am RCIA...... 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm ICS Concert, Gr. 5-8 & Chorus.....7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, May 21

First Communion Mass...... 10:00 am - 11:00 am Spanish Prayer Group...... 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, May 22

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