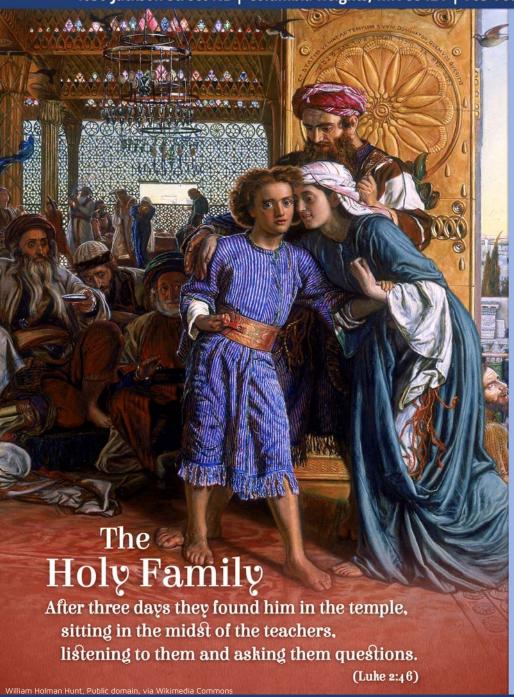


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Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

(Spanish) 11:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

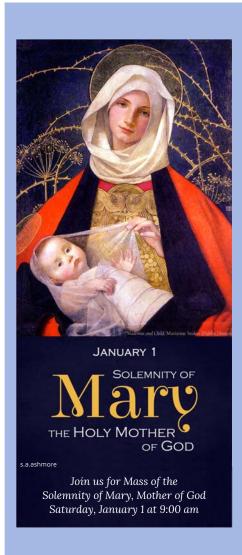
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Our Mission

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.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Gifts of the Christmas Season

Merry Christmas to one and all! How are you doing today, dear brothers and sisters in Christ? I hope that you are well. This year we are blessed to start off the Christmas season with a proverbial bang with Christmas Eve on Friday, Christmas Day on Saturday and the Feast of the Holy Family on Sunday! The Lord is so kind and merciful with us that He would offer us the opportunity to whoop it up on three consecutive days.



May the gifts of faith, hope, and love infuse our hearts as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus and proclaim His message of mercy to every one we meet!



This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 27, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5–2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31, St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1, New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2, The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Parish News

2021-2022 Tax Deduction Information

This is just a reminder that, regardless of the date on the check, we must record your donations by the date we receive them or the date on which they are postmarked. For example, if a check dated December 31, 2021 is received by us on January 1 or later, it must be recorded as a 2022 donation. If you send us a donation through the postal service and the envelope is postmarked December 31, 2021 or earlier, this will be recorded as a 2021 donation even if we receive the envelope in January. As these are IRS regulations, we have no flexibility in the matter.

WeShare Donor Match Program

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added through December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for our church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021.

Visit our WeShare site: iccsonline.weshareonline.org or reach out to the WeShare Customer Support team at 877-316-0260. We appreciate your generosity and your support of our church!

Position Available

IC Church and School is looking for a day shift custodian to work Monday through Friday. Applicant must have the flexibility to work weekend shifts during the winter season to assist with snow removal.

If interested or for additional information, please contact Doug Olson, Maintenance Supervisor at dolson@immac-church.org or 763-516-0148.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly."

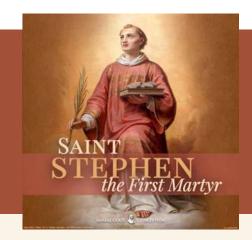
(Colossians 3-15a, 16a)



Peace and Merry Christmas to all adorers and to all IC parishioners and families. Everyone is invited to come to our Eucharistic adoration chapel and spend some time in prayer before our Lord this Christmas season and in the New Year. 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 2:00 pm,

Wednesdays at 11:00 am, Thursdays at 2:00 pm and Fridays at 1:00 pm. If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled hour or if you would like to visit our chapel, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Note: The chapel will be closed on Monday, December 27 for the Christmas holiday and will be closed on Friday, December 31 for the New Year holiday.



Saint of the Week

Saint Stephen

Feast Day-December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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The Week Ahead

December 27

Parish Office Closed

December 28

Serra Club Mass/Meeting	g11:30 am	- 2:00	pm
Charismatic Prayer Grou	p7:00 pm	- 8:30	pm

December 29

Pre-Confirmation Bible Study	.6:30 pm	- 8:00 pm
Confirmation I - Grade 9	6:30 pm	- 8:30 pm

December 31

Parish Office Closed

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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.

In Need of Prayer? Please Call Us.

To add a name to the Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call 763-788-9062. For private prayer (eight individuals offer confidential prayer for requested needs) call Larene at 763-789-4246.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially 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, Jim Johnson,
Stacey Drews Kochmann, Linda Kosloski,
Gerald Krawiecki, Jeff LaFontaine, Joan Landberg,
Steven Lauinger, Tom Leight Sr., Janet Mihalik,
Teddy Miller, Shawn Moulzolf, Katie Oftedahl,
Diane Redmann, Greg Sery, Bill Shutte,
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, 763-788-9062 x 212.

Social Justice

Coins for Social Justice Collection This Weekend Small Change Can Do a World of Good!

Veterans in Need

Your new or gently used items can be dropped off on the weekend of January 15-16, 2022. There will be a large, marked bin available in the church narthex for your donation. For more information please contact Vicki at 763-788-9062 x212.

Every third Saturday, *Veterans in Need*, located in Minneapolis, addresses the physical needs of struggling and homeless veterans, as well as the emotional needs of veterans and their families. This organization needs winter coats, gloves, hats, thermal underwear, and boots that are new or used in good condition for female and male Veterans. Immaculate Conception will again team with other Catholic churches in the area to collect goods.

Discipleship

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | @LPi



PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

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FORMED Now! Who Is Saint Stephen?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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Word of Life

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat" (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

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Sunday, December 26

8:00 am +John Sichak 10:00 am +Gerrit Stone 11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, December 28

7:30 am Katie Freestone

Wednesday, December 29

7:30 am +Neil Connelly

Thursday, December 30

8:30 am +William P. Shutte

Friday, December 31

7:30 am +Bertha Margotto

Saturday, January 1

9:00 am IC Parish 5:00 pm +Pete Crema

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am +Thomas Kunnel 10:00 am +Lorrie Ann Nalezny

11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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Church Directory

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

Parish

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Director of Admissions	
Megan Sackmaster	x 207
Administrative Assistant, Sherri Macko	x 219

Parish Pastoral Council Members

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> Fr. James Peterson (Pastor) Jane Bona (School Principal) Steve Smith (Parish Trustee) Patrick McVary (Parish Trustee)

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

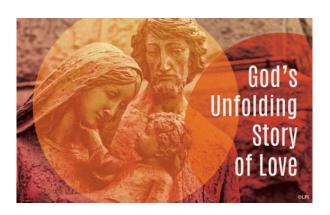
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Trivia Time!

Catholic Trivia - Just for Fun!

Question: Who reads the first and second readings at Mass?



Gospel Meditation

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are.

(1 Jn 3:1)





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Due to an early bulletin deadline, this information will be printed in next week's bulletin.



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 26, 2021



We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children— share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.







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