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"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:9

July 24, 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday	7:30 am
Wednesday	7:30 am
Thursday	7:30 am
Friday	7:30 am
Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
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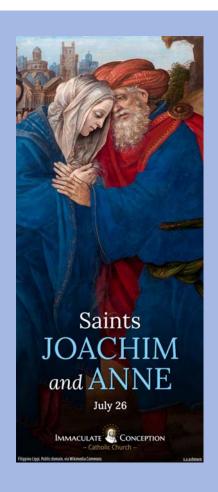
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Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm



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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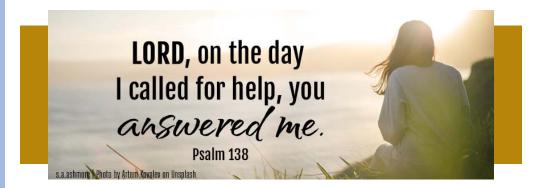
A Helpful Acronym

Within the Gospel for the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Luke 11:1-13) there is a helpful acronym to remember the core message that Jesus was sharing with His disciples: ASK. To parse that out could be Ask, Seek, Knock.

In the spiritual life we ought to, "Ask" so as to "Receive." (Luke 11:9). We ask for what we need in our lives because we have confident trust that, "the Lord is kind and merciful" (Psalm 103) and wants to help us. We "Seek" so as to "Find" (Luke 11:9) the richness of God's Goodness and the treasure-trove of His Grace. We "Knock" upon the door of Christ's Sacred Heart so that the "Door will be Opened" (Ibid).

All of these prayerful activities take us beyond ourselves to the Lord. Self-reliance is counterproductive to the dynamic relationship that God wants with us. While we utilize the gifts and abilities that we have been given to build up our brothers and sisters around us we also depend upon the Lord and ASK for His Gracious HELP (Healing. Empathy. Love. Patience.)

Fr. James



This Week's Readings

Sunday, July 24, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday, July 25, St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28

Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, July 29, St. Martha

Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday, **July 30**, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, July 31, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21©LPi

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Discipleship

When I Called, You Answered

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. He's got this, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He is going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | @LPi

Social Justice Ministry

Coins for Social Justice-This Weekend!

Coins for Social Justice raises funds to support programs that promote the gospel of peace and social justice. The fourth weekend of each month, IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice. Thank you to all who donate to Coins!

School News

Immaculate Conception School is Hiring!



Please consider joining our teaching team as a Grade 5 Teacher! Our award-winning school makes a difference in lives each day! For more information visit school.iccsonline.org.

Please contact Jane Bona with questions at 763-788-9065 x 220.

Eucharistic Adoration

"I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name."

(from Psalm 138)

Adorers, continue to pray, read the bible or pray the rosary during your usual adoration hour. We are working hard to complete the repairs in the chapel and hopefully we can re-open very soon and resume our usual adoration schedule. Adorers will be notified when the chapel becomes available again. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

FORMED°

PICK OF THE WEEK

July 24, 2022

EARN



Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Soldier for Christ

At the end of this week, we celebrate the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the "Soldier for Christ." While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, Ignatius of Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.

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Pastoral Ministry

Have You Borrowed a Pix From the Sacristy?

If you have and you are no longer using it please return it to the Sacristy — our supply has greatly diminished.

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 weekend Mass petitions or the bulletin, please call Vicki at $763-788-9062 \times 212$. For private prayer call Larene at 763-789-4246. We are looking for volunteers to join our Prayer Tree — for information, please contact Vicki, $763-788-9062 \times 212$.

Pray for Our Loved Ones Who Have Died

Especially Maria Flores, Isabel "Izzy" Miller, Ralph "Mickey" Rooney, 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, Kathy Fraser, 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 $763-788-9062 \times 212$.

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.

Beyond Our Parish

Life in the Spirit Day

August 6, 8:00 am to 3:45 pm, Church of Saint William, Fridley Are you in a spiritual rut? Are you missing joy in your life or feeling the need for something more? This day will help you discover what it means to enter a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit and have the graces of your baptism stirred up! Presentations will include: God's Love, Salvation, The New Life, Receiving God's Gift, Praying for Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Growth and Transformation in Christ. (Alex Marquette, our seminarian, will be one of the presenters for the day!) There will also be praise and worship. Cost is \$10 for the provided lunch. Call 763-571-5314 to reserve your spot, or visit ccro-msp.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars.

Annual St. Bridget Church Ice Cream Social-Free!

Wednesday, July 27, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Join us for hotdogs, potato chips, beverages, desserts. And ice cream, of course. We celebrate the community of North Minneapolis. Everyone is invited—bring your friends, neighbors, and family.

Grandparents Apostolate Feast Day Celebration

Grandparents Apostolate of Saints Joachim and Anne at Nativity of Our Lord invites all grandparents and spiritual grandparents to a morning of enrichment, encouragement, prayer and fellowship highlighted by a presentation, "Promoting the Precious Gift of Faith as Something Special" by the Rev. Fr. Mark Joppa, pastor of the Church of St. Rita in Cottage Grove.

Tuesday, July 26 is the Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, please join us for Holy Mass at Nativity at 8:15 am in the church that day if you are able to do so. Sign up then begins at 8:45 am downstairs in Steiner Hall, with the event at 9:00 am. Refreshments will be served. Nativity of Our Lord is located at the corner of Prior Ave. and Stanford Ave. (1938 S Prior Ave., 55105) in St. Paul, with a handicap-accessible door with elevator on Prior Avenue. Contact Lilee Perera with questions at (651) 414-9367 or email lilee_perera@hotmail.com.

Saint of the Week



St. James the Apostle | July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18–22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage. ©LPi

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Reflections

Why Do We Do That?-Catholic Life Explained

Daily Faith

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

Live the Liturgy-Inspiration for the Week

Ultimately, what does God promise to give us when we pray? The short answer to that question is God. God promises to give Himself to us in prayer. Prayer is about union with God, not receiving favors. When God comes to us in prayer, His presence comes with faith, hope, and love. When we find these virtues enhanced and nurtured, we know that our prayer has been heard and answered. When we seek out, listen to, and live by these virtues we find ourselves led back to God and more united with the Divine Presence. We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. That's what makes Jesus' prayer, the Our Father, so perfect. It celebrates a deepening intimate relationship of trust between our Creator and us. When we persistently cry out for God in love, how can that prayer go unanswered?

Word of Life

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"



"Love is more than a mere feeling... [its] fruitfulness ... allows us to experience the happiness of giving."

Amoris Laetitia, 94

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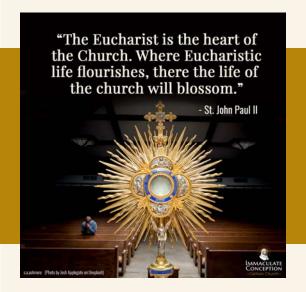
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Sunday, July 24

10:00 am Fr. James E. Peterson

11:30 am IC Parish

Tuesday, July 26

7:30 am Fr. James Peterson, + Mickey Misek

Wednesday, July 27

7:30 am +John Botzet, Jr.

Friday, July 29

7:30 am +Walter, Carol, Katie, David

& Mark Guzik

Saturday, July 30

5:00 pm People of Ukraine

Sunday, July 31

10:00 am +Ambrose Christianson

11:30 am IC Parish

+Deceased

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Church Directory

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

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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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Gospel Meditation

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.

That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.



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Volunteers get free admission on the day you volunteer!



ICSummerJam.org

Friday and Saturday: 4:00 - 10:30 pm Sun: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

IC Summer Jam Weekend Mass Times

Saturday, August 6 at 5:00 pm Sunday, August 7 at 8:00 am and 11:00 am (bilingual)

Free City Ramp & Lot Parking—see website for details

Chairs limited, please bring your own.

No coolers, outside food or beverages, skateboards bicycles or pets allowed. Service animals (as defined by the ADA) welcome.





CCW News

IC Summer Jam Bake Shoppe

St. Jude's Circle Bake Shoppe will be back at the Summer Jam on Sunday, August 7. A variety of breads, muffins, bars and cookies are needed. Your baked items are appreciated! Please bring them on Sunday morning, August 7.

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Questions? Please contact Marion at 763-788-1393





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