

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

## – Catholic Church –

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July 18, 2021

16<sup>th</sup> 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
	10:00 am
	(Spanish) 11:30 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday	3:00 - 4:45 pm
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### San Damiano Chapel

Weekdays beginning at 7:00 am



“When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,  
his heart was moved with pity for them, for they  
were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began  
to teach them many things.” - Mk 6:34



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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.*

From the Pastor's Desk

Back in Easter?

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of the Easter Season we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday.” The prayers and readings for that day are reflective of the Lord as our Good Shepherd who faithfully cares for us as members of His flock. As I bring up these points you might be wondering, “That’s interesting information, Padre, but aren’t we celebrating the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time?” That’s a fantastic question and you are absolutely correct! However, if you look at the First Reading (Jeremiah 23:1-6), the Responsorial Psalm (23), and the Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) for Mass you’ll find that each of them makes a reference to God being the true shepherd.



How very interesting that the lectionary cycle would have two opportunities within the same liturgical year to contemplate the profound reality of the Lord as a provider, protector, companion, source of nourishment, healer, and guide for our lives. And yet we could ponder that Truth every day of our lives and it wouldn’t exhaust the depths of Mercy that God has for you and me — even when we’ve been straying like baaaaaaad little sheep!

As a gentle encouragement for you I would invite you to choose the First Reading, Psalm, or the Gospel and pray with that passage in the context of your own life. Think about: How have I experienced Jesus as my Good Shepherd? In what ways do I seem to be lacking or feel unprotected or most vulnerable? How can I live as a more generous and selfless member of the flock? What can I do to love Christ more and in turn support my fellow sheep?

May the Lord bless you, teach you, and watch over you as a kind Shepherd!

Mercy with Christ,  
Fr. James



This Week’s Readings and Observances

- Sunday, July 18, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
- Monday, July 19  
Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday, July 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday, July 21, St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene  
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Friday, July 23, St. Bridget, Religious  
Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest; BVM  
Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday, July 25, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



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## Archdiocesan Synod



### Archbishop Hebda Needs Your Help!

Have you ever asked, "How can we better pass on our beautiful Catholic faith?" or started a sentence with, "The Church needs to..."? Then consider joining others here at Immaculate Conception this fall as we come together to respond to and propose solutions that will help inform the next steps of the Synod process. The Synod process is actually taking place over three years in our Archdiocese, culminating at Pentecost 2022!

More details will be coming during the next few weeks. We can begin praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and inspire His people. "Come Holy Spirit, Come!"

## School

### School News

Our 8th grade students are given an assignment near the end of the year to share their own ICS Story and offer advice to the upcoming 8th graders. The students' essays are inspirational. I often use many quotes from their written word to put together a talk delivered at the graduation Mass. Please enjoy these thoughtful quotes from our graduates who are now beginning high school! Thank you to their fine teacher, Megan Toninato, for instructing them in language arts and religion. And, continued blessings to our graduates of 2021!

*"During my time here at ICS, I have learned more about God and my purpose for living. Back in 7th grade, I knew God, but my faith was not strong. I haven't always prayed or gone to mass. Missing those simple occasions made me turn away from God. But in ICS we had events like the Station of the Cross, I learned more about the characters and their stories. For instance, Simon of Cyrene carried the cross for Jesus, or Barabbas who was a murderous traitor. In the world, we aren't different from Barabbas. All of these things have shown me that God is love. ICS has deeply enclosed my relationship with God."* — Brian

*"A favorite memory from school would have to be making friends, and the start of the new school year. Some advice that I have for the upcoming 8th grade is to try hard and stay organized also to try your best to get your work done!"* — Kadence

*"ICS has brought me closer to God because in my other schools we didn't pray at all, but being here in ICS I've learned to pray more, and be grateful for what I have at the moment and always know that Christ is by my side."* — Aylin

## Eucharistic Adoration

*"I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,  
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good."  
(Psalm 54:8)*

Adorers willingly sacrifice an hour each week to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Most adorers say it is the best hour of their week. All are welcome to join this prayer filled ministry.

We have opened the adoration chapel to more adorers and have eliminated most of the Covid restrictions for our chapel. We want to keep adorers healthy, so please continue to follow CDC Covid prevention guidelines. Masks are optional.

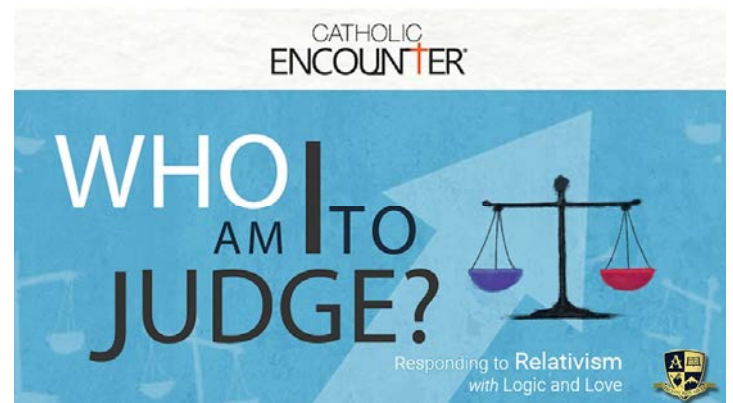
Our chapel is open Monday through Friday beginning at 7:00 am. We are looking for volunteers to cover Wednesdays at 7:00 am and 10:00 am, and Fridays at 10:00 am. We also have evening hours available and are open to having partner adorers. Visitors are also welcome; however, they will need the door code to enter the chapel.

If you would like to schedule an adoration hour, are unable to attend your scheduled adoration hour or if you would like to visit our chapel, please call Sandy at 763-789 - 3246.



## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK



July 18, 2021

### Who Am I to Judge? Session 1: Don't Impose Your Morality on Me!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality—that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.

To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

WATCH



## 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, Mary Fredenburg,  
Art Harris, Stacey Drews Kochmann, Linda Kosloski,  
Gerald Krawiecki, Jeff LaFontaine, Steven Lauinger,  
Tom Leight Sr., Dennis Lind, Janet Mihalik, Teddy Miller,  
Gina McMartin, Shawn Moulzolf, Katie Oftedahl,  
Diane Redmann, Greg Sery, Martha Stwora, Elaine Thunstrom,  
Sandra Tabor, 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

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

*Small Change Can Do a World of Good!*

Next weekend, July 24-25 we will be collecting during the offertory. Donations made using bills or checks should be placed in an envelope marked Social Justice — small envelopes can be found on tables at all entrances of the church. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice.



**August 5-8**  
**Rain or Shine!**

**Daily Admission Pricing**  
Purchase tickets online at [ICSummerJam.org](http://ICSummerJam.org)

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday**

Only 500 tickets sold for each day.

- \$15.00 Advance Sale Ticket  
(Limit 4 tickets for each day)
- \$25.00 Ticket at the Door (if available)

**Sunday—Free.** No ticket required.  
See website for ticket and entry policies.

### TRIBUTE FEST!

*Food • Schell's Beer Tent • Pull Tabs*

#### THURSDAY Hosted by Lisa Miller **92 KQRS**



5:00 pm

**Starlette's Web**

*Tribute to Women in Pop Rock,  
Country & Groove*



7:30 pm

**Free Fallin**

*A Tribute to Tom Petty*

#### FRIDAY Hosted by Candace Wheeler **92 KQRS**

*From the KQ Morning Show*



5:00 pm

**Transit Authority**

*Tribute to the music of Chicago*



7:30 pm

**Xpedition**

*Tribute to Journey • Foreigner • Kansas • Styx*

#### SATURDAY Hosted by Ray Erick **92 KQRS**



5:00 pm

**Beatles Tribute Band**  
**Rubber Soul**



8:30 pm

**The Crown Jewels**

*Tribute to Queen*

#### SUNDAY Family Day - **Free Admission!**

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### Big Buck Raffle!

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### Silent Auction Online

**Beginning August 1**

[ICSummerJam.org](http://ICSummerJam.org)

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Sat: 4:00 - 10:30 pm | Sun: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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## Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

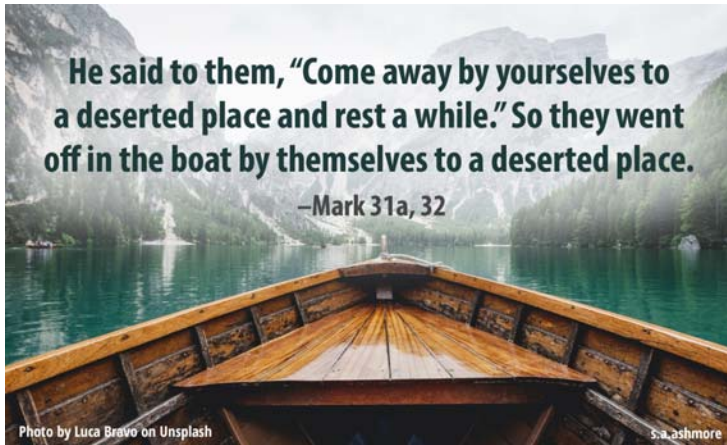
**Question:** *I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?*

**Answer:** As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.

## Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

We only have so much psychological and spiritual energy. We easily get tired. Responding to life's demands and people's needs can really zap us of all of our energy. Anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and even apathy can run wild. We can find ourselves bitter and irritated by the fact that we have to do it all again. We need to rest, connect, and focus. Deserted places, free of unnecessary distractions and demands, are great places of refreshment and we all need them. Desiring to be alone for a bit and rest does not indicate selfishness. Rather, it radiates wisdom. God is the source of all we do and the satisfaction of every human heart. If we are going to use the gifts God gave us well, then we have to make sure our batteries are recharged and replenished. Jesus invites us to go to a desert place to rest and pray. Where is yours?



## Word of Life

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at [www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations](http://www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations).

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

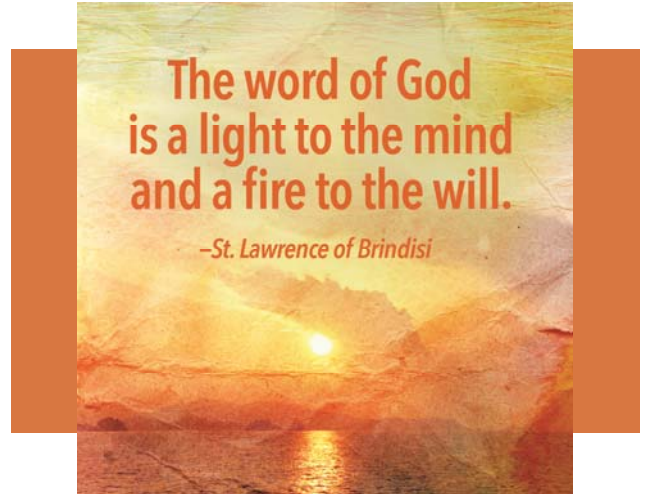
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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 18

8:00 am Renee Jacque & Family  
10:00 am +Marguerite Ekroos  
11:30 pm IC Parish

### Tuesday, July 20

7:30 am +Josephine Gordy

### Wednesday, July 21

7:30 am +Andrew Ambrose

### Thursday, July 22

7:30 am +Deceased Members of  
the Vincent Guzik Family

### Friday, July 23

7:30 am +Pete Crema

### Saturday, July 24

5:00 pm +Reggie Willman

### Sunday, July 25

8:00 am +Mickey Misik  
10:00 am +David E. Fisher  
11:30 pm IC Parish

+Deceased

## Church Directory

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

### PARISH

Parish Office.....	763-788-9062
(Open Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 pm)	
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<i>Mary Beth Pfeifer.....</i>	<i>x 203</i>
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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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*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.

## Parish Support

### Received Through July 11

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 7,853.00
Plate .....	1,803.96
WeShare Online Giving.....	687.50
<b>Total Collection .....</b>	<b>\$ 10,344.46</b>

*Thank you!*

## Gospel Meditation



### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.

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The Steward's Work Is Never Done

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS | ©LPi



Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, "It's right here — HEBREWS."

The Kindergartener

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was.

The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!"  
"But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like."  
Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

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Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. For decades, Congress has protected your money from paying for abortion. Now, some powerful government officials are trying to change that.

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In Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

—Ephesians 2:13

The Week Ahead

<b>Tuesday, July 20</b>	
Summer School .....	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, July 21</b>	
Summer School .....	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
<b>Thursday, July 22</b>	
Summer School .....	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Funeral Mass, Helen Boser.....	11:30 am - 12:30 pm
<b>Saturday, July 24</b>	
Baptisms .....	9:00 am - 11:30 am
Quinceanera Mass .....	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Spanish Bible Study .....	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm





## The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 18, 2021

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

—Jn 10:27



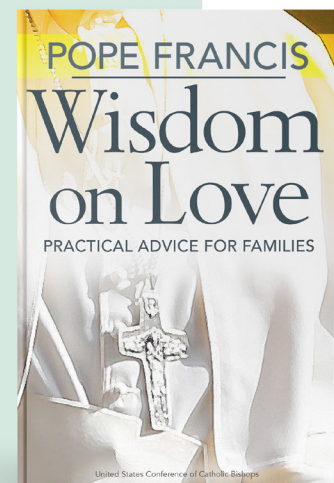
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### The Year of Amoris Laetitia Continues!

We continue to celebrate the Year of the Family, focusing on familial relationships. Pope Francis brings to life the path of love in families in *Wisdom on Love*. Read a tip a day. Read it together with your family. And put into practice today the helpful advice that corresponds to your heart!

Check out [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) for more tips, prayers and blogs that promote healthy Catholic marriages. **#MarriageWeek**



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## Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

*Read the full version at  
[respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility).*

We often assume parenthood happens easily after “I do,” but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens.

Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

**God is with  
you, and  
His Church  
desires to  
walk with  
you.**

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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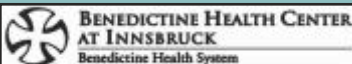


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