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Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” - JN 1:38-39a



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January 17, 2021

*2nd Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Mass Schedule

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| 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) 12:00 pm |

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 - 4:45 pm

San Damiano Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration open to scheduled adorers only.



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

Looking a Little Green

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ — Salutations to you! How are you today? I hope that you are well. If you happen to look at me this weekend and in the coming days you might be tempted to ask, "Are you feeling alright, Padre? You're looking a little green." Thankfully I'm feeling quite well. The reason I look a little green is because we've returned to Ordinary Time after forty-nine days of purple for Advent with an occasional white for special feast days and the Season of Christmas.



Liturgically, green is an appropriate color to be wearing at this time since it is representative of life and hope in the goodness of God. You'll be seeing a lot of it with the liturgical vestments that I'll be wearing and within the sacred space of our church for the next month. Then on February 17th we'll go back to purple for Ash Wednesday and the start of another Lenten Season. For the time being we give thanks and praise to the Lord for the tremendous gift of life that we have received and pray for the protection of it in all stages from womb to tomb as they say. Though there's not a lot of green outdoors with the snowy whites of winter we nonetheless press onward and look forward to the proverbial greener pastures.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. James



This Week's Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 18, January 18-25 — Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 19

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 20, St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 23, St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE
LEGAL
PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN

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Eucharistic Adoration

“We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.” (1 John 4:16)

Adorers show their belief in God’s love by adoring his son Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. Whether in our adoration chapel or in your own home, spend time in prayer with Jesus. Our adoration chapel is available Monday through Friday, with some regulations we must follow:

- Only registered, scheduled adorers are allowed in the chapel (No walk in visitors will be admitted at this time)
- Masks are required
- All adorers are asked to sanitize any surfaces they touch during their adoration hour
- If you are not feeling well, please stay home

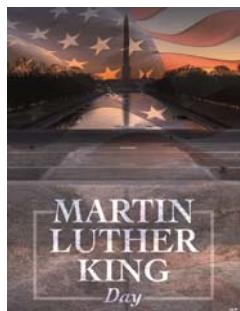
If you would like to register and schedule an adoration hour, or if you are an adorer unable to attend your scheduled hour, please call Sandy at 763-789-3246.

Volunteers are needed to cover Mondays at 11:00 am, Wednesdays at 7:00 am, 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, Thursdays at 3:00 pm and Fridays at 2:00 pm.

*“Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.”*

(Ps 40)

Parish News



Holiday Office Hours

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Immaculate Conception School will be closed for the holiday on Monday January 18 and for teacher-in-service on Tuesday, January 19.

IC Women’s Lenten Book Study

Please join the women of the IC Discipleship Committee for a study of Henri Nouwen’s book “The Return of the Prodigal Son.” We will meet on Tuesday evenings from January 12 through March 30 at 6:30 pm. Our meetings will be virtual and can be joined using a regular house or cell phone, smart phone, tablet, or computer (technical tutoring available). Books are available at no cost. We will read the book together, listen to reflections from the *Abiding Together* podcast, and discuss/share our reactions to the book and podcast. Please contact Stacy McVary at 763-458-2406 or semcv09@gmail.com or call the parish office if you are interested. It will be a great way to prepare for Lent in 2021!

Discipleship

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We’re about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here’s a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we’re really living out our baptismal call.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist’s testimony: “What are you looking for?” He’s asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King’s Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, “Come, and you will see.” Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary.

The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS / ©LPI

School News



Prayer



Intercessory Prayer

Please join the Intercessory Prayer Ministry in praying for this month’s prayer intention:

Courage, strength, and inspiration for students and teachers who are in distance learning situations



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 *Jeanne Bornetun*, 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:

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| Bea Alain | Janet Mihalik | Martha Stwora |
| Paul Bona | Teddy Miller | Elaine Thunstrom |
| Robin Crisp | Shawn Moulzolf | Sandra Tabor |
| Hub Duclou | Jody Oftedahl | Reggie Willman |
| Mary Fredenburg | Katie Oftedahl | Lois Weyers |
| Gerald Krawiecki | Diane Redmann | Germaine Wolsfeld |
| Steven Lauinger | Greg Sery | |

all those on our prayer chain

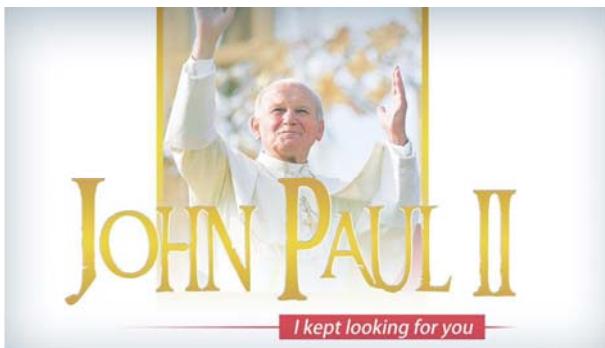
If your name was removed and you would like to continue to be on the prayer list please call 763-788-9062 x 212.

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.



PICK OF THE WEEK



January 17, 2021

WATCH

John Paul II: I Kept Looking For You

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

Social Justice

Veterans in Need

Every third Saturday, located in Minneapolis.

Thank you for responding to the needs of our veterans. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Coins for Social Justice

Next Collection January 23-24

IC parishioners are asked to fill the collection basket with their pocket change to benefit the Social Justice Ministry. Only the loose change and marked envelopes from this collection are designated for Social Justice. Marked envelopes are available at all entrances to the church.

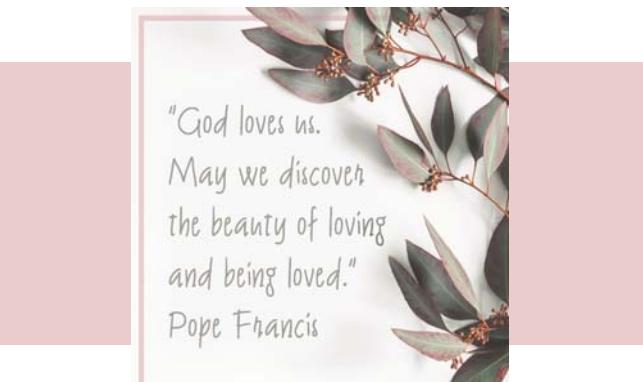
The amount collected the weekend of December 26-27 was \$126.20 — thank you for your continued generosity!

Small Change Can Do a World of Good!



Catholic Charities Opportunity Center

The Church of the Immaculate Conception has served a full breakfast for the past fifteen years at Catholic Charities Opportunity Center located in Minneapolis. The Opportunity Center provides a place for those experiencing homelessness to connect with resources to help move toward self-sufficiency. Our Social Justice Committee is unable to have volunteers on site, yet we are pleased to be able to send them a \$200 check each month to cover food costs; this is due to a large past donation to aid the poor.



The Week Ahead

January 17

Confirmation I 10:45 am - 11:45 am

January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

No School—Parish Office Closed

January 19

No School (Teacher In-Service)

Charismatic Prayer Group 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

January 23

ICS First Reconciliation 10:00 am - 11:00 am

January 24

Confirmation I 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Pre-Confirmation 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Reflections

Word of Life

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

—United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
“Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB

Why Do We Do That?—Catholic Life Explained

Question: *Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?*

Answer: While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is “integrally connected with the church” which can foster “reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer.” This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the “source and summit” of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

Live the Liturgy: Inspiration for the Week

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God’s voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, “Behold, the Lamb of God,” means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, “Come, and you will see.” I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.

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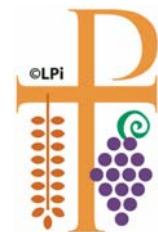
Saint Margaret of Hungary



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 17

8:00 am +David Schmeling
10:00 am +A. J. Breyer
12:00 pm IC Parishioners



Tuesday, January 19

7:30 am +Betty Amelse

Wednesday, January 20

7:30 am +Jane Lindberg

Thursday, January 21

8:30 am +Burdett Mattys

Friday, January 22

7:30 am 91st Birthday of John Misik

Saturday, January 23

5:00 pm +Gary R. Glaeser

Sunday, January 24

8:00 am +Nattalie Delaria
10:00 am +Sheila Prokott
12:00 pm IC Parishioners

+Deceased

Church Directory

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

PARISH

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| Parish Office..... | 763-788-9062 |
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| Parish Fax..... | 763-788-0202 |
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| Special Event Coordinator, Jami Bridgeman | x 221 |
| Wedding Coordinator, Barb Hartwick..... | x 204 |

FAITH FORMATION

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| Administrative Assistant, Mary Scott | x 208 |

SCHOOL

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| 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

| | | |
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| Dave Kellner | Kathy Johnson | Charles Karanja |
| <i>Stacy McVary</i> | <i>Marcus Paulson</i> | |
| <i>Jane Bona (School Principal)</i> | | |
| <i>Steve Smith (Parish Trustee)</i> | | |

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.

Gospel Meditation



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

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THANK YOU!

"Speak, for your servant is listening."

(1 SAMUEL 10)

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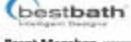


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