# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

# July 3, 2022

## 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg



# **SACRAMENTS**

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

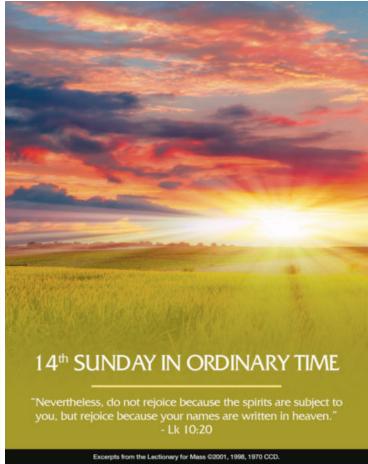
#### **BAPTISM**

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

#### CONFESSION

#### Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



# **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### Saturday, July 2

4:30 p.m. Anne Smiy (Family)

# Sunday, July 3

8:00 a.m. Charleane Richardson (Ken & Roseanne)

10:00 a.m. William Gregory (Helen)

11:30 a.m. Doug Jordan (Rick & Pam)

# Monday, July 4th

MASS AT THE CEMETERY - 8:00 a.m. **Agnes Raspotnik (Harry & Denise)** 

## **Tuesday, July 5**

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 6:30 pm. Month's Mind

#### Wednesday, July 6

7:45 a.m. Dr. Ramon Lozano (UST Medicine Class of '71)

#### Thursday, July 7

7:45 am John Peddicord (Friend)

#### Friday, July 8

7:45 a.m. Agnes Raspotnik (Michael & Lorena)

#### Saturday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Harold Frazier (Kurt & Janet) 4:30 p.m. Shawn Teamann

(Torok Family)

## Sunday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Tom Pickford

(Torok Family)

10:00 a.m. Angel Marie Arendas (Family)

11:30 a.m. Jim Whalen (Family)

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Parish Office Closed Monday July 4th

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#### **Operation Safe Mode (OSM)**

Sunday 8:00 am Mass www.YouTube.com/operationsafemode

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# IC's On The Corner Event Planner

#### **Theology on the Vine Schedule 2022**

July 28<sup>th</sup> Fr. Vaseyl Yakubych – Pastor of St. Stephen Byzantine Church August 18<sup>th</sup> Tom Jacobsen – President of Diocesan Central Council Society of

St. Vincent DePaul

September 29<sup>th</sup> Bishop Barron movie on St. John Neumann

October 13<sup>th</sup> Relic of St. John Neumann (program will be held in Church)

December 1<sup>st</sup> TBD

#### Christian Mother's/Women's Group

➤ Board Meetings Thursdays at 5:30pm:

July 28<sup>th</sup>
August 25<sup>th</sup>
October 27<sup>th</sup>
December 1<sup>st</sup>

➤ General Membership Meetings Tuesdays following 6:30pm Mass:

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Election of Officers

September 6th – Installation of Officers and New Members

November 15<sup>th</sup>

December 4<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

# Immaculata Men's Group/Immaculate Women's Group (IMG/IWG) – August 13th

**CASH BASH** - Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Immaculate Conception and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – at Seton

Save the Date: Immaculate Conception Parish Picnic – August 20, 2022



• July 22nd 6:00-9:30 PM

#### FAITH FORMATION—Parish Playground Days

Wednesday Mornings 10:00 am July 6th - August 17th. Contact Susan Cheplic with any questions. skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.or

## **Eucharistic Adoration**



is held every Tuesday beginning after morning Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 PM.

Interested in volunteering. We have many opportunities to become involved: If you are interested in volunteering or planning to resume volunteering for our parish ministries and parish activities please contact Sharyn Gesmond at **sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org** or 724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

# This Week on the Corner

# NEXT SATURDAY IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group Saturday - July 9th/6:30am-8:00 am

Please join the Men's and Women's Groups on Saturday July 9th Burger Bash Saturday. We will be discussing "Extreme Mercy" Father Donald Calloway's conversion story. Please bring your better half or a friend.

#### IT's BURGER BASH SATURDAY

Saturday - July 9th/11:00 am - 1:30 pm

### Month's Mind

July 5th/6:30 pm

₱ David Anthony

- Kathleen Tirpak
- The Christina Bocan
- ☆ Carol Gongaware
- T Esther Bertolina

Please remember them and all of our faithful departed loved ones in your prayers.

# St. Peregrine Patron Saint of Cancer Patients Conference

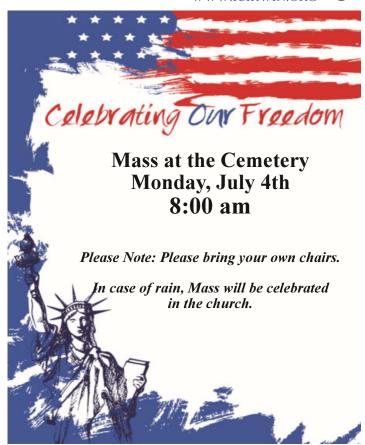
Monday July 11 6:30 pm/Tuesday July 12th 6:30 pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (in the church)

St. Peregrine, like St. Paul, was in open defiance of the Church as a youth. Once given the grace of conversion he became one of the great saints of his time. His great fervor and qualities as a confessor brought many back to the true Faith. Afflicted with cancer, Peregrine turned to God and was richly rewarded for his Faith, enabling him over many years to lead others to the truth. He is the patron of cancer patients.



All are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, July 12th, is an Anointing Mass for cancer patients



# **Dementia Support Group**

July 5/6:30 pm

This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. It is an informal, faith-based gathering of caregivers who pray together, share mutual challenges, and learn new ways to cope and know that you are not alone! Dementia Friendly Faith Community Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center. The next meeting date is Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email her at gailhend@comcast.net or contact the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish office at 724-864-6364.

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



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# Thoughts from the Pastor

### The Overturning of Roe vs. Wade:

#### The Consequence of Prayer and Trust!

50 years ago, as a student of Saint Margaret Mary's grade school, I remember clearly and distinctly the saddest day of my school memory. No, it was not one of the many times that I was paddled for misbehavior and it was not even losing in the State Basketball Tournament as the team that was favored to win the title.



The day was a Monday (January 22, 1973) and it was the day when Father George Alderson (parochial vicar) would come in to teach us Religion. We loved when he came because he was young and vibrant. His lessons always made us happy to know the love of Jesus and the special gift of being Catholic. But this particular day he was very somber and even noticeably upset. We could not imagine what changed his spirited disposition and we were concerned with the message that he would deliver.

He began to tell us that the Supreme Court had legalized abortion. Not sure what an abortion was he went on to explain about the beautiful beginning of our journey of life that began in our mothers. He talked about the stages of growth and recognition of this tiny human being growing in size and life. Then he went on to say that this baby, who was more vulnerable than any other child or human (since he/she did not have a voice) could be put to death at the will of its own mother.... Before it was born.

I remember we were flabbergasted by such a reality.... I mean the commandment was clear: "Thy shall not Kill" and this was certainly murder. Some of us cried with the thought that we could have been "terminated" if our parents chose to do so! We were also very aware of how God must have felt at the time of every abortion, watching an innocent life be snuffed out. It was a game changer for me and it was at that time I began to understand a bit about decisions and consequences... about the right purpose of our actions and working within the will of God in heaven.

The class ended with a prayer that such a ruling would be overturned and the prayers of Catholics throughout the world for fifty years never stopped until the prayer was answered! Saint Monica prayed 30 years for the conversion of her son saint Augustine, and his spirit. We have prayed for 50 years until the grace of God moved the courts to see the injustice of such a law.

Last week Bishop Kulick shared his pastoral letter with us and the work that still needs to be accomplished to abolish the law and desire for abortions from our world. Today, I would like to share with you the USCCB response to this historic day of the over turning of the ruling of Roe vs. Wade.

**WASHINGTON** - In response to the Supreme Court of the United States issuing its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement:

"This is a historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions and prayers. For nearly fifty years, America has enforced an unjust law that has permitted some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born."

"America was founded on the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This truth was grievously denied by the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life. We thank God today that the Court has now overturned this decision. We pray that our elected officials will now enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us."

"Our first thoughts are with the little ones whose lives have been taken since 1973. We mourn their loss, and we entrust their souls to God, who loved them from before all ages and who will love them for all eternity. Our hearts are also with every woman and man who has suffered grievously from abortion; we pray for their healing, and we pledge our continued compassion and support. As a Church, we need to serve those who face difficult pregnancies and surround them with love."

"Today's decision is also the fruit of the prayers, sacrifices, and advocacy of countless ordinary Americans from every walk of life. Over these long years, millions of our fellow citizens have worked together peacefully to educate and persuade their neighbors about the injustice of abortion, to offer care and counseling to women, and to work for alternatives to abortion, including adoption, foster care, and public policies that truly support families. We share their joy today and we are grateful to them. Their work for the cause of life reflects all that is good in our democracy, and the pro-life movement deserves to be numbered among the greatest movements for social change and civil rights in our nation's history."

"Now is the time to begin the work of building a post-*Roe* America. It is a time for healing wounds and repairing social divisions; it is a time for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love."

"As religious leaders, we pledge ourselves to continue our service to God's great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America's promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people."

Next week: I will discuss the approach of "changing Hearts to save souls." How we cannot legislate morality but it must be taught in word and action.

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## SUMMER FUN IN OUR PARISH!

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The past two weeks both Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception hosted Vacation Bible School. The children were amazing and so excited in learning about God, their Faith and spending time on their church Grounds. Both Jen Wilson and Susan Cheplic (our formation directors) did fantastic jobs. What was just as amazing as our children our young parishioners who were teaching and being role models for the little ones! VBS is a reminder to me of how blessed the future of the Church is with these young parents sending their children to and the young adults who want to share their Faith.

So praised God for this Pro -Life Event in our parishes!! Loving God's little ones!!





Just a reminder that at Queen of Angels this kind of God loving attention and Faith opportunities is available everyday of the school year!! Things will quiet now but the noise and sounds of happy children was delightful.

# CAR SHOW AND MOTORCYLCE BLESSING

#### FUN IN THE SUN!

After the COVID-19 Hiatus the Annual Car show at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton returned for a beautiful sunny afternoon. Over 70 local car enthusiasts showed up with their car crusin' beauties talking shop with the visitors who came to pay tribute to muscle and speed!



It was a great day to walk around and talk to parishioners and just share the sun and fun with the normalcy of community life. I want to thank all those who came

from both parishes to support the day and spend some time in conversation with me! My Mustang (on left) was a favorite photo-op for many young members of the parish.... Waiting to be old enough to take out the car on the road!!



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# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** BURGER BASH July 9, 2022

"Drive Thru" Saturdays from 11:00am - 1:30pm



July 2022 Gold **Onion Crew** Christian Mother's Women's Guild



Thank you to our bun sponsor since 2006 Scozio Bakery at Giant Eagle in White Oak & Penn Township

> Thank you Jordan Banana Food Service for your continued support

People often ask if there is a way that they can help. Many have donated beverages in the past. However the drive thru format makes purchasing beverages difficult. We are not able to sell beverages. Instead of donating beverages consider making a monthly monetary donation to offset the cost of the burger bash expenses. You can be a member of the "French Fry Family" or "Hotdog Club".

- "French Fry Family" Sponsorship donations for \$49.00 &
- "Hotdog Club" Sponsorship donations for \$50.00 & over Your donations can be mailed, dropped off to the parish office, dropped in the offertory basket or placed online at https:// osvhub.com/icirwin/funds/burger-bash. Please write attention "Burger Bash Sponsorship" on the envelope.

Thank you in advance for your support of the "Almost Famous" corner burger and our parish family!!

Name:	
Donation Amount: \$	
Would like to sponsor:	
☐ French Fry Family	☐ Hot Dog Club
	Let's do the  Het Deg Club  Dance

# ATTENTION: IC "Drive Thru" **Burger Bash Volunteers**

If you are interested in helping or are in need of service hours please consider volunteering by completing the information below. \*\*See guidelines for volunteers that must be completed prior to participating.

#### Volunteer duties:

\*Order Takers \*Onion Prep \*Grillers \*French Fry \*Burger Runners \*Burger Wrappers \*Food Tables \*Traffic Control

#### We are especially in need for the following duties:

- Tent Set Up (8:30 am to 9:30 am)
- Tent Tear Down (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)
- Kitchen Clean Up (1:00 pm to 2:30 pm)

\*\*The Diocese of Greensburg requires all clergy, parish, cemetery, school employees and all volunteers 18 and older to have all of the following clearances and trainings prior to work or ministry in the diocese:

#### For NEW Volunteers:

- Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct
- PA Mandated Reporter Training
- VIRTUS Training (Every 5 Years)
- PA Criminal History Check form (Every 5 Years)
- PA Child Abuse Form (Every 5 Years)
- FBI Fingerprint Check (Every 5 years. Initial submission must be done through screening agency. Then every 5 years screening agency OR an Affidavit for volunteers only.

#### For **CURRENT** Volunteers who require updated training:

- Volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS training every five (5) years to continue to work or perform ministry in the Diocese
- The initial course required for all employees and volunteers is "Protecting God's Children Awareness", which is already completed if you are a current volunteer

Volunteers will be contacted when it is time to update their Virtus training.

All volunteers who meet diocesan requirements will receive an email when scheduled for upcoming Burger Bashes. All COVID-19 guidelines will be in affect at this and all events. To register as a volunteer and obtain clearances please contact Sharyn Gesmond at 724-863-9550 or via email sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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# Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Mary Pavlik

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Stephen Ference by

Friends

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Frances McNeil

St. Peregrine Candle: Special Intentions for Mike Borland from

Mom

#### Altar Candles for the Month of July:

In Memory of Carol Brush by Mike & Diana Hoke

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

#### July 3rd—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66:10-14c Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12; 17-20

#### July 10th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

#### **Prayers and Sympathy**

Prayers and sympathy for all of our departed. May they rest in peace.

# **Stewardship Corner**

#### Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of June 19, 2022 \$17,125.66

Diocesan Online Giving June 1st - 7th, 2022

\$1,377.50

# **Angels Corner**

Do you have a child that is going to be attending Kindergarten this coming school year? Queen of Angels Catholic School has a few spots remaining in our Kindergarten program and we would love to have you join our school family. Queen of Angles Catholic Schools offers a comprehensive curriculum in a structured environment that is rooted in Christian values. For more information of what Queen of Angels can offer your family, call 724-978-0144 to schedule a tour and secure your spot! We offer both full & half day options and financial aid is available.

# **Catholic Charities Seeks Donation of Baby** Clothing/Diapers

Catholic Charities is requesting donations of diapers (sizes 4-6) and new clothing in boys' sizes newborn, 3 months and 9-12 months and girls' sizes 12 months, 18 months and 24 months. To donate, call 724-837-1840 to schedule a dropoff time at 711 E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg.



Traveling this summer? Don't forget to check the location of churches nearby and their Mass times.

While you are traveling, your parish still needs your financial support. Sign up for OSV electronic giving.

# **READY. SET. GIVE!**

Did you know there's a more convenient way to give to Immaculate Conception Church?

- Easy. A sign-up process so simple, your gift will be set in minutes.
- . Secure. Your gift passes directly from your hands to the church.
- · Automatic. Make your gift present, even when you're not.
- · Convenient. No more hunting for the checkbook!

Sign up for online giving now at osvhub.com/icirwin









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# God Bless our 2022

# First Communicants!



Please keep these children and their families in your prayers!

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

Irwin, Pennsylvania
Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2022 - Order of the Mass

#### VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate, faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage. Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



Text: Ruth Duck, b.1947, € 1989, The United Methodist Publishing House, admin. Music Services Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D, The Sacred Harp

#### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless, you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14c

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

# The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66 Marty Haugen

#### Let all the earth cry out to joy in the Lord.

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

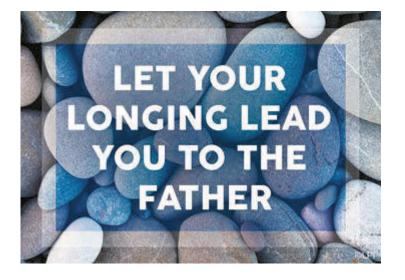
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#### GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-9

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for vou.'"

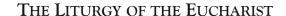
# The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

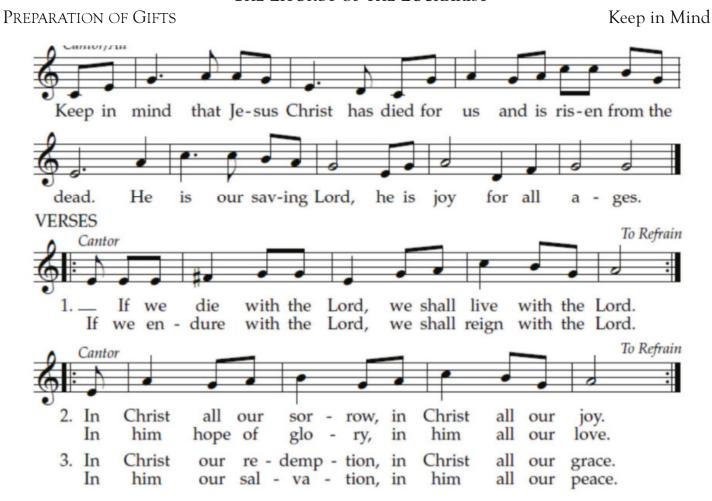


#### **CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayers of the Faithful





### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### **EUCHARISTIC ACCLMATIONS**

Jubilation Mass James Chepponis



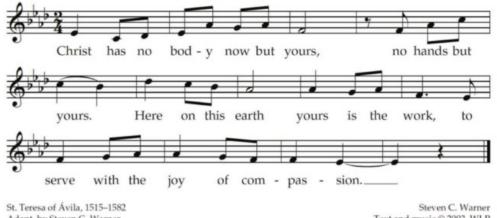


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#### COMMUNION HYMN

## Christ Has No Body Now But Yours



Adapt. by Steven C. Warner

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#### RECESSIONAL HYMN

#### Now Let Us From This Table Rise



Text: Fred Kaan, 1929–2009, © 1968, Hope Publishing Company Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, LM; Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753

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# Looking for Activities for the family? Looking for fellowship? Here is a list of all of the ways to be a part of the Immaculate Conception Family Community

### (For more information on these groups and more activities please visit our website www.icirwin.org)

#### Immaculata Men's Group (IMG)

IMG is an interactive men's group that is focused on the development of men in the modern world. It combines the best research for science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming society. The group meets regularly on Saturday mornings in Our Lady's Plaza beginning promptly at 6:30 a.m. until 7:50 a.m.

### Immaculata Women's Group (IWG)

The IWG brings women of all ages together on a spiritual journey to grow in faith and to better understand and apply the teachings of the church. Women share how their Catholic faith has impacted their lives amidst the challenges of today's society. The group meets regularly on Sunday mornings in Our Lady's Plaza beginning promptly at 6:30 a.m. and concludes at 7:50 a.m.

#### Christian Mother's/Women's Group (CM/WG)

The CM/WG brings women together to share their spiritual relationship with our Lord and to further enhance that relationship within their own families, parish and community. Through prayer, conferences and fellowship the Christian Mothers/Women's Guild strive to support the spiritual growth our parish families. Meetings are bi-monthly on Tuesdays following the 6:30 pm Mass.

#### Theology on the Vine (TOV)

Intended for anyone 21 and older, this group meets on the last Thursday of the month for ten months during the year. Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. with a community social and refreshments of wine and cheese followed by the main presentation/guest speaker at 7 p.m. and a question and answer session.

#### **Conferences**

Our parish offers educational conferences every the fall and during the Advent and Lenten seasons. These conferences are designed to allow for a deeper understanding of various topics that may be a famous religious painting or a particular reading from the Bible.

#### **REV316**

REV316 is a Catholic young adult group that helps each other grow in faith and love for God. All young adults ages 18-35 are welcome to participate in fellowship, activities and small groups. Please visit REV316's website at <a href="https://rev316.wixsite.com/rev316">https://rev316.wixsite.com/rev316</a> for more information about this exciting program or email <a href="mailto:rev316.catholic@gmail.com">rev316.catholic@gmail.com</a>.

Please contact the parish office to register your child for appropriate formation training.

#### YOUTH FORMATION

Faith formation is necessary and mandatory for those children attending public school in grades 1-8. This program teaches the necessary lessons in the Catholic faith that the child will carry throughout his/her life. Volunteer Catechists provide encouragements and guidance.

#### Faith Formation Options for Public School Children

#### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

#### Grades 1 and 2

Faith Formation Class – held on Saturday mornings from 9–10:30 a.m. usually twice a month

#### **Sacramental Preparation**

Children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion participate in family centered preparation in addition to their classroom sessions. This preparation includes a family meeting as well as 4 workshops throughout the year. Sacraments are received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Also just grades 3, 4 and 5 meet Monday nights at this point, 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been swept into Middle School, which is the Matthias Project

The Matthias Project is our Confirmation Preparation program. Starting in  $6^{th}$  grade, the young men and women learn about following the call to the "The  $12^{th}$  Apostle" and boldly follow Christ the way that St Matthias did when he replaced Judas. The Sacrament of Confirmation is received in the  $8^{th}$  grade year.

#### **Grades 3-6**

Faith Formation Class – held on Monday nights from 6–7:30 p.m. usually twice a month.

#### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a faith formation option for young children offered at Immaculate Conception. It is based on the philosophy that even the youngest child is in a relationship with God.

412 Youth is the combined youth ministry program for the three area parishes of Immaculate Conception, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Agnes for all students in grades 9-12.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL YOUTH FORMATION

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Intended for children from Kindergarten to grade 5, Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered during all four weekend Masses.

#### **Vacation Bible School**

Vacation Bible School is our summer program that combines, music, crafts, learning and fun! It takes place in the month of June and is open to kids entering Pre-K 4 to Grade 5. Watch the bulletin for dates and registration information!













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