IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

July 31, 2022

18th 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.



[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 30 4:30 p.m. Doris Brown (Family) Sunday, July 31 8:00 a.m. Agnes Raspotnik (Burger Bash Grill Team) 10:00 a.m. Coleman F. & Margaret Keane (Family) 11:30 a.m. Anthony Nese (Family) Monday, August 1 7:45 a.m. John Palicka, Jr (Mildred) Tuesday, August 2 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 6:30 p.m. Month's Mind Wednesday, August 3

7:45 a.m. Anna Tempero (Daughters)

Thursday, August 4

7:45 am Anna Kaminski (Helen) Friday, August 5 7:45 a.m. Patricia Durler (Jim & Catherine) Saturday, August 6 NO 8:00 AM MASS at IC -Healing Mass at St Elizabeth

Ann Seton - 8:30

4:30 p.m. Betty McConnell (Sherry)
Sunday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Daniel W. McCarthy (Dan & Joan)
10:00 a.m. Margaret DeLaney (Family)
11:30 a.m. Jack & Karoline Jollie (Family)

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

Theology on the Vine Schedule 2022

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 18thTom Jacobsen – President of Diocesan Central Council Society of
St. Vincent DePaulSeptember 29thBishop Barron movie on St. John Neumann
Relic of St. John Neumann (program will be held in Church)December 1stTBD

Christian Mother's/Women's Group

 Board Meetings Thursdays at 5:30pm: October 27th December 1st

 General Membership Meetings Tuesdays following 6:30pm Mass: August 9th – Election of Officers September 6th – Installation of Officers and New Members November 15th December 4th – Christmas Party

Registration for Matthias Project (7th and 8th grade formation) is now available!

If QR code does not work, please go to:

https://tinyurl.com/matthiasproject



<u>8th Grade</u> has a mandatory parent/child meeting on Sunday August 21st at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church. Join our 8th grade remind text thread! Text **@8mp22** to 810-10

<u>7th grade</u> has a mandatory parent/child meeting on Monday September 12th at 5:30 PM. Join our 7th grade remind text thread! Text @7mp22 to 810-10

Any questions for Matthias Project Contact Jen Wilson at JNWilson@dioceseofgreensburg.org



It's coming... The Next Burger Bash Aug. 13 - 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish, Irwin. For volunteer information, please call Sharyn Gesmond 724-863-9550

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



Eucharistic Procession

August 14th/2:00 pm Please join us for the Second Annual Eucharistic Procession to be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Once again, all servers are asked to participate. A sign up sheet is available in the narthex. This year, Fa-

ther John is also requesting that our First Communicants walk in the procession wearing their finest. This is such a beautiful event you will not want to miss it!

Month's Mind

August 2nd/6:30 pm

Sandra Trentini

Edward Koncerak

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

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild General Membership Meeting



Tuesday - August 9th /Following the 6:30 pm Mass

Please plan to attend this important meeting for the election of officers. The meeting will be held in Our Lady's Plaza.

IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

Saturday - August 13/6:30am-8:00 am

Please join the Men's and Women's Groups on Saturday July 9th Burger Bash Saturday. We will be discussing "The Miracles of Padre Pio" Please bring your better half or a friend.

Healing Mass - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Saturday August 6th/8:30 am

There will be no Mass or Confessions Saturday Morning August 6th at Immaculate Conception. A Healing Mass is offered the first Saturday of every month at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at 8:30.

412 Youth

All high schoolers are invited to attend our Summer Events before our year kicks off!

Mark your calendars for our kick-off event, our COLOR WAR on August 14th at 6 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton! All are invited to attend. You will receive a white t-shirt, and be given the chance to COLOR IT in a battle of color! Rain Date is August 21.

Burger Bash Sponsorship/Donations

People often ask if there is a way that they can help. Many have donated beverages in the past.

However, at the drive thru burger bash we are not able to sell beverages.

Please 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
 & under
- "Hotdog Club" Sponsorship donations for \$50.00 & over

Your donations can be mailed, dropped off to the parish office, or dropped in the offertory basket.

Please write attention "Burger Bash Sponsorship" on the envelope. Or if you prefer donation online at:

https://osvhub.com/icirwin/funds/burger-bash.

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



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Thoughts from the Pastor

THE STORY OF THE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Day One: The Procession



One of a thousand pilgrims that night who gathered for a candle light rosary procession I was chosen to carry the statue of our Lady and lead the procession into the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament. That was the first sign of our Lady's gratitude to me for being faithful to her intercession and my first opportunity to honor her as I had promised to do as her humble son and brother to Jesus. Now of course you may ask how I was chosen from so many. Was it simply a coincidence? One may say since I was the tallest in the crowd it was an easy choice to be chosen to lead the procession. I do not believe in coincidences but only providence and Divine Plan. I am sure that Mary whispered to the organizer of the procession to find the tallest man in the crowd and ask him to lead the procession and of course he knowing that the more visible the leader was the easier for all to see her statue.

This was the most powerful experience and privilege I had ever

had to date as a true friend and companion of the Mother of God! While carrying the statue and listening to the rosary prayed in French I imagined myself leading all Mary's soldiers to the heart of her son since the procession ended with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. During this walk, I came to understand Mary's role in the Church and in the lives of all who are faithful to her. Mary's role was to lead all, from her heart, to the heart of her son Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Mary might be our most important companion on the way, Jesus is the source and summit of our lives and the food (true food) for the journey. I also realized that this path paralleled the path to my priesthood Mary leading me through her heart to the very altar of sacrifice as a priest of Christ.

Day Two: The Baths



"Go and drink at the spring and wash yourself there." These words spoken by the Blessed Virgin Mary during one of the apparitions (to St. Bernadette) inspired the creation of the baths at Lourdes. Millions have come to bathe in the waters of Lourdes and hundred of thousands have been cured after entering the waters of the baths. So to enter the waters at Lourdes was a directive from Our Lady herself and of course one of the reasons we had made for the pilgrimage.

I was 23 years old at the time and as healthy as one could imagine and that the "need" to enter into the waters of Lourdes for a physical cure was not the reason that I waited in the long line for the experience. Actually, to be honest, I really did not know why I was in line, but as I prayed and my turn came near, I knew that a deeper healing was always given, that of Spirit and Truth. A soul that is awaken to the Holy Spirit and the Truth of the Gospel always leads the body to overcome all challenges of the earthly life. I wanted to enter the water as a "baptism" renewal to Mary in my promise of becoming a priest who honors her son with my life through her intercession and protection.

As my turn came, I stepped into the water which was ice cold, shivering in prayer I was laid back and completely immersed in the bath. I remember being under water, which seemed to be an eternity, numbed by the temperature of the water and the vulnerability that I felt. I came out of the water expecting to be shivering from the cold I was overwhelmed by a warmth that could only come from the comfort of my mother's arms. I remember saying I am different now and at some point, I will understand what all this means! Encompassed in her love drove me to be more open and trusting to Jesus' call and will for me in my life.

FAST FORWARD 21 YEARS

In August of 2005 I was assigned to the parish in Irwin which honored the title of Mary's Immaculate Conception! I came into the church and knelt before the marble statue of Mary and said: "We have come full circle... and now I am once



again home!" What I meant by this prayer was that from the grotto at the mount to the waters of Lourdes France, I was home again in the Truth of Mary's infinite role as the sinless virgin and mother of my soul. It was not like I was ever far from her since two other pastorate assignments were under the titles of the Mother of Sorrows and Guadalupe. But the Immaculate Conception had the title of her Divine protection and gave me pause to what was in store for me and the people of Irwin. I said another quick prayer of thanksgiving and the promise to herald her Immaculate Conception with the simple prayer before the final blessing: "Mary Conceived without sin; Pray for us who have recourse to thee! Yes, we would, as a parish seek her out as an intercessor, daily, now and for the hour of our death!

2020 - 2022: An Experience of a Lifetime!

Most experiences of a life time are marked with incredible happiness and success! These two years (2020 -2022) were marked with darkness, fear and spiritual turmoil for so many. These were the years when the fear of Covid-19 took a grip on the world and our local church. It was the first time in the history of the Diocese of Greensburg that Catholics were not

permitted to attend services and sacred Mass to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! The government shut us out but not down. We waited and prayed via OSM and we longed for the return to Sacred Mass. But the darkness continued as the fear of Covid lifted when I was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer. The diagnosis was received with a desire to prayer, trust and hope more fervently than we had ever before. Praying for a miracle A healing started immediately as all the parishioners of both parishes joined together in storming the heavens (through intercessory prayer) to be heard and given the Grace of Christ, the Divine Physician for a miracle.

Of course, one of the first intercessory prayers I uttered was to our Lady of Lourdes: "Through your Immaculate Conception, please dear Lady ask your son for His healing hand to touch his servant!" The very next week someone gave me a milk bottle size bottle of Lourdes water for which they had just brought back from a recent pilgrimage to



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Lourdes. That night I took the water and poured it over my head and I was transported back to 1986 to moment of being immersed in the baths at Lourdes. The same sensation of warmth encompassed me like that very day. I immediately realized that I needed the healing powers of that bath today which I received so long before. This was the first sign to me that I would be cured and that our Lady had not yet reached out with her greatest comfort to her trusting son! I received that healing noted in my first chemo session when the pain of the cancer began to be lessened tremendously!

After this experience I began to receive (literally) hundreds of Mass cards for my healing from the shrine at Lourdes in France. Remember I do not believe in coincidences but only providence. Carry the statue in the procession and the experience of the baths were just a precursor to the miracles coming my way.

For one year I participated in the grueling treatments and fought through the fatigue to "climb" to the altar to offer Mass everyday possible. I had that sense of peace and comfort of the waters of the baths to carry this cross with humility, peace and conviction to remain trusting in Jesus as Mary had taught me to do so long ago. Yes, I attribute my cure, our miracle to her intercession along with three other Saints as well. These stories will follow in the upcoming weeks.



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A Month In Review

Vacation Bible School

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Baptisms

- ✤ Alvia Rain Ogg
- ✤ Camille Rose Dulak
- ✤ Leo Michael Prines
- ✤ Alyssa Leigh Paola
- ✤ Leo Anthony Scanga

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Vacation Bible School this year!

We had a wonderful week "Digging for Treasure" in the Parables of Christ! We would have been unable to minister to these 130 children without the support of the Parish and our amazing volunteers! We hope to see you all back next year!

Conference on St. Peregrine



Father John's Conference on St. Peregrine was well attended by many of our faithful.

O God, in Saint Peregrine you gave us an outstanding example of faith and patience. We humbly ask you that, by imitating him and by the help of his prayers, we may believe more fully in your healing help, bear the suffering of this life without wavering, and come with joy to the peace of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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 <u>after</u> you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Margaret DeLaney by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Jeanne Porter

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Bob Brackney by Irwin Lodge #236

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Daniel Miller

Altar Candles for the Month of August: In Memory of the Langer & Raspotnik Families by Sandy

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

July 31st - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes Colossians Luke 1:2: 2:21-23 3:1-5; 9-11 12:13-21

August 7th - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom Hebrews Luke 18:6-9 11:1-2; 8-19 12:32-48

Prayers and Sympathy

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

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.

Stewardship Corner

Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of July 17, 2022

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SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

Our Sunday Visitor Online giving is easy & convenient

Visit our website at: https://www.icirwin.org/giving/

Angels Corner

QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL - St.

Agnes Parish have asked our parents to coordinate and volunteer at the St. Agnes Bazaar – Chil-

dren's Corner on August 5th, 6th, and 7th. So I am asking for your help. We will be responsible for all the games under the Children's Tent. Our PTO will also be assisting this year along with any student entering Grades 6-7-8. I have worked at the St. Agnes Bazaar for over 35 year and have enjoyed every minute of this ministry. Please call me at 724-331-6216 or e-mail me

at <u>rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org</u> and let me know when you are available to help!! Thank you for your help and support!

- Mrs. Ruth Ann Noblick

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton & Immaculate Conception CASH BASH will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 in Mack Hall.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Labor Day Weekend. Tickets will be \$30 each and includes food, beer, soda AND the chance to win cash prizes with two numbers per ticket!!!!! There are 250 seats available for the event so be sure to indicate if you will be attending or not. First Come/First served on seating availability. Winner need not be present to win.

Donations needed: If anyone has tickets to a **Steelers or Penguin** game tickets (scheduled after Oct 22nd) that they would like to donate for an auction basket item, please contact the parish office.

Also needed are Auction baskets (\$75-\$100 value) and/or gift cards or lottery tickets which can be used to create an auction basket.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sharyn Gesmond at Immaculate Conception 724.863.9550 or Julie Henry at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton 724.864.6364.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8 WWW.ICIRWIN.ORG

DATE: AUGUST 20TH

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5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join us for lots of :

* **Fun** - music & games * Food - chicken, hot dogs, kielbasa & sourkraut, pasta salad, baked beans, cup cakes & cookies, pop and water * Fellowship

Donations of pop and water appreciated. Please drop off donations at the Parish Office.

Volunteers for setup and clean up are needed. Please contact the Parish office at 724.863.9550



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH Irwin, Pennsylvania Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 31, 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

Praise to the Lord



Text: Lobe den Herren, den m\u00e4chtigen K\u00f6nig; Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14 14 47 8; Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665 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 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90 Proulx/Gelineau

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its Practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to lesus. "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

> 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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLMATIONS

Jubilation Mass James Chepponis



world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us

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COMMUNION HYMN

Refrain

Eye Has Not Seen



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August 14 - Eucharistic Procession

Join us for the Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, August 14 at 2:00 pm. Tents will be set up in the upper parking lot area dedicated to various saints. Father will lead the procession from church carrying the Monstrance with our Blessed Lord as we visit each Saintly tent. The tent area will have an icon for that saint, and we will stop and offer prayer.

Our procession will include:

- * Blessed Virgin Mary
- * St. Peregrine
- * Divine Mercy
- * Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
- * St. John Vianney
- * St. Francis of Assisi
- * St. Theresa Lisieux
- * Mary Queen of Angels
- * St. Joseph
- * St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- * St. John Neumann
- * St. Vincent dePaul
- Blessed Carlo Acutis



All are welcome to attend and we encourage everyone and especially families to join us on this special day. All altar servers are asked to participate as well as the First Communion Class of 2022 in their communion day outfits. A social will follow in Mack Hall.





