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SACRAMENTS

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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, September 3 4:30 p.m. Betty McConnell (Wisilosky) Sunday, September 4 8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. John "Jack" & Nellie O'Connell (John & Darlene)

11:30 a.m. Jan Zilinskas (Lisa) Monday, September 5 -MASS AT CEMETERY

8:00 a.m. Mary Jo Ott (Jack & Julie) Shawn Teamann (Marci & Ace)

Tuesday, September 6

7:45 a.m. Paul Smiy (Family)
6:30 p.m. Month's Mind
Wednesday, September 7
7:45 a.m. Clarence Heidler (Lorraine)

Thursday, September 8 7:45 am Ethel Klassen (Carmela) Friday, September 9 7:45 a.m. Patrick Lavelle (Anne) Saturday, September 10 8:00 a.m. Bob Brackney (Greg) 4:30 p.m. Povirk Family (Torok Family) Sunday, September 11 8:00 a.m. Emma & Joseph Gesmond

(Family) 10:00 a.m. Kathy Montrose (Paula) 11:30 a.m. Our Parish Family

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IC's On The Corner Event Planner

Immaculata Men's and Women's Group Fall Schedule

Will be starting in September. This season will be viewing and discussing "The Chosen" Season 2 Check the bulletin each week for more information. Please come and join us. All are Welcome!!!

The current schedule is as follows:

- September 10/11 Thunder
- September 17/18 -I Saw You

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- September 24/25 -Matthew 4:24
- October 1/2 -The Perfect Opportunity
- October 8/9 Spirit
- October 15/16 Unlawful
- October 22/23 Reckoning
- October 29/30 -Beyond Mountains

FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-2 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Saturday, September 10th, 9:00 – 10:30 am, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School Students, Monday, September 12th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

7th **Grade Faith Formation**– Class will be Monday September 19th from 6-7:30pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

8th Grade Faith Formation– Class will be Monday September 19th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.



Mondays 6:30 pm at Immaculate Conception Administration Building RCIA Room Beginning September 12th to Advent

Grieving the loss of a loved one - This fall Deacon Jeff with support from Fr. John is starting a program to assist those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. The program is called GriefShare and it is a special weekly support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. The program is designed to create a place for grieving people to find comfort and encouragement after a loved one's death. We want this to be a friendly caring group of people who will walk alongside each other through one of life's most difficult experiences. No one should have to go through the grieving process alone. Just as when he walked this earth, Jesus continues to bring healing to us when we are in need. It is important for us, as his body the church, to gather in prayer and support, walking through the pain of loss together. There are 13 video seminars on DVD featuring respected Christian counselors and leaders who share wise insights about grief-related topics. These dynamic videos also include personal testimonies from people who have lost a loved one. The workbooks contain a note-taking outline for the video sessions, a daily Bible study that reinforces the information presented on the videos, a gospel presentation, helpful articles, and insights from Christian experts. We will be meeting 6:30 Monday evenings at Immaculate Conception in the RCIA room. The program will run weekly from Sept 12th to Advent. Please register by emailing Deacon Jeff at jcieslewicz@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call the church office 724-863-9550.

This Week on the Corner



Please bring your own chairs. In case of rain, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

Christian Mother's/Women's Guild

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday - September 6th - after 6:30 pm Mass

Join us for Mass and the installation of officers and new members followed by refreshments in Our Lady's Plaza.

Month's Mind September 6th/6:30 pm

- Robert Baden
- Regina Kisner
- Robert Battiston
- ✤ Patricia Surmacz
- Kegina Kisher
 Arlana Safran
- Arlene Safran

Penance Service Tuesday September 13 6:30 p.m.

IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - Sept. 10 6:30am-8:00 am IWG Sunday - Sept. 11 6:30 am-8:00 am



Our next Burger Bash set for September 10th from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



THE BURGER BASH SETS US APART FROM ALL OTHERS IN "FUN" RAISING AND I WANT TO THANK YOU for your support as a sponsor, volunteer and for your patronage at the bash itself! The "Corner Burger" is the envy of the

whole town!!

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 you can donate online at:

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

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

We will be starting our Fall Semester next Saturday, September 10th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday September 11th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30am in Our Lady's Plaza. This semester we will study "The Chosen" - Season 2. In this fall semester, we will see that word is spreading that Jesus is the Messiah. Increased fame brings growing crowds, new disciples, and more miracles. It also brings trouble. Our topic for this first session will the entitled "Thunder".

It's no longer hidden. The word is spreading that Jesus is the Messiah. Increased fame brings growing crowds, new disciples, and more miracles. It also brings trouble.

Mary is confronted with old demons. The tension between Simon and Matthew explodes. James and John battle their prejudices and fiery tempers. But they all continue to passionately pursue the man they don't always understand but will always follow. All are welcome to join us as we continue on our exciting journey as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus!

Thoughts from the Pastor



THE SAINTS: COMMPANIONS OF THE JOURNEY TO HEAVEN

PART 7

By definition a companion is:

A wayfarer that travels with you. They are possibly the most important part of the journey. The sojourner may encounter others like them, known as companions, while exploring the life of faith in the journey. These companions may help the sojourner but cannot hinder them along the path.

Jesus reminds us that it is a narrow path that leads to eternal life. We know that the journey is hard and long and it must not be traveled alone but shared with true guides of Faith and example. In the book by John Bunyan "The Pilgrims progress" this path is laced with many temptations, fears and choices that is hard to navigate without a companion. We know that Jesus shows us the way (the cross) and our earthly friends and families and priest guide us to keep our eyes on Christ. But our greatest companions and guides are the ones who have completed the journey and have entered through the narrow gate. **These are the Saints**! They have run the good race and won the crown of the true victors and they desire, for all eternity, to help us accomplish the very same goal!

Saint Peregrine – We are all familiar with the story of St. Peregrine who is the Patron Saint of Cancer



We are all familiar with the story of St. Peregrine who is the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients. St. Peregrine was known for his holiness but also for a miraculous healing that he received. He was scheduled to have his leg amputated because of a cancerous growth. The night before the surgery, he prayed for healing, received a vision of Christ coming down from the cross to touch his leg and was completely healed. I do not recall, as a youth, any emphasis on Saint Peregrine as an intercessor for cancer and I really did not deal with cancer as an illness in my family.

Jimmy Dzugan – The first time I recalled hearing the word "cancer" that described an illness of someone close to me was when I entered college and found out that one of my classmates from high school had leukemia. When I asked what is "leukemia" it was explained to me as cancer of the blood or bone marrow. I asked if this was serious and the answer was: "*please pray for Jimmy he is very sick*." I remember being afraid for Jimmy and for myself because death was always somewhere else and not where I lived. I did pray but it was not a focused prayer of intercession to a particular Saint. In fact, I did not know anything about Saint Peregrine and his incredible miracle that was done for him by the Crucified Christ. I did not even really

think to much about how deadly cancer was in the early 80's and therefore was totally shocked when I heard of his death a year later when Jimmy was only 20 years old. This death caught me off guard and was the spring board for my focus to using my life for the sake of the Church through priesthood.

Saint Peregrine did then come to me in a very powerful way when my very good friend was diagnosed with testicular cancer and had found out that it had spread to his lungs. The seriousness of this reality had me afraid for the first time of losing a really true close friend. I was only a priest for 5 years at the time and I had not yet, to that point, really stormed the heavens on behalf of another for a miracle cure that would stave off death. I found a novena to Saint Peregrine and I desired to pray it faithfully and with great fervor. Begging was the place I found myself as I knelt and recited the prayers. Begging at the foot of the cross to the Crucified Christ to extend His hand once again from the cross to heal my friend.



The thing that I was struggling with was the stark reality that the Novena laid out for the petitioners to consider as prayers of intercession were offered. The three things that one must keep in mind when praying about cancer and the patient:

Prayer with full trust that God can cure a person from cancer Pray for the doctors and the cancer researchers that a cure can be found Pray for the surrender to death that may be the outcome of the illness.

The third was a stark reality that one usually pushes away for it is the outcome that all prayers were



being offered to avoid. The pamphlet said that cancer, because of the severity of its essence, places the person in a unique situation to prepare for death and to spiritually welcome death as the vehicle to gain eternal life! Jesus said: Unless you lay down your very life and pick up your cross to follow me you cannot know eternal life. My friend was amazing for when he understood the severity of his condition his focus immediately turned toward acceptance of God's will and was unafraid to make these preparations of the soul for the journey to heaven. We were all shocked by his sense of peace and God's love even with such a diagnosis. I knew that death was not the end and eternal life is the goal to obtain but I was not ready to give up my friend.

I began by first praying selfishly to God and even bargaining, on behalf of my friend, for a healing more than His Divine will. I prayed fervently for the wisdom of the doctors, to guide through science, the healing God gives through medicine. However, it took me a whole week before I could go to step three and ask for His will to be done and pray for a happy death if that was His plan. I realized how difficult it was to pray without knowing anything about Saint Peregrine and his life and devotion to the Lord. I was praying through him only because he was linked to cancer.

Chemotherapy was brutal in those days and it was a scary sight to watch the body try to tolerate the side effects. But after the first round the tumors in my friends' lungs were shrunk and many were already gone. The chemo, the prayers were working in tandem and after all was said and done the cancer was gone and a cure was awarded by our Lord through St. Peregrine's intercession!

The Statue of Saint Peregrine: My New Shadow

When I was assigned as a pastor for the first time to a beautiful little parish of Saint Charles Borromeo church in Sutersville I had a request by a parishioner to have a statue of Saint Peregrine enshrined in the church as a thanksgiving for a healing that was received. Embarrassing as it may sound I had not thought of Saint Peregrine for nearly 5 years since my friend's illness. I of course accepted the gift and it was enshrined in the sanctuary.

I remember, at that time, desiring to learn more about this Saint and his life. I had planned to give a talk on Saint Peregrine as part of the enshrinement of our new Statue. I was surprised how many people knew of him and their relationship with him as a companion on their journey with a sick parent, brother or sister in the past. It was remarkable how near sided I was with the vast amount of people who had experienced cancer in their walk of Faith.

I was transferred from Saint Charles and the priest (Father Vasil) who replaced me was a cancer survivor and was so pleased to see his new parish had begun a devotion to this great Saint. Father Vasil had obtained a first-class relic for the parish and it was always at the foot

of the statue to be reverenced. He had Masses and the veneration of the relic often in his time as pastor in Sutersville.

Next Week - "He's Back". My continuing Journey with St. Peregrine



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EXTRA, EXTRA!!!

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & Immaculate Conception

Come join us for an Oktoberfest-themed night of fun with good friends



BYOB - Winner need not be present to win!



12 chances to win cash prizes - two numbers per ticket

Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting Labor Day Weekend until sold out. We only have 250 seats available. Buy early to ensure a seat! For questions or to reserve a table, please contact Lori Anselmino 724-861-8110 or lanselmino924@gmail.com





St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City, will host a monthly bingo on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Must-Go Jackpot. Paper packages start at \$27. Doors open 5:00pm; games 6:45pm. Monitors & number boards are used for your convenience. Kitchen/Free Coffee/Handicap Accessible. 724-744-4584 724-744-7474.

YOU'RE INVITED TO

REHEARSALS BEGIN WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST AT 7PM IN THE THIRD FLOOR MUSIC ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Previous experience or music literacy NOT required

Choir sings at most 10AM Masses All voice parts and instrumentalists welcome!

Please contact Bridget Deveney (bdeveney@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with questions





Immaculate Conception Cemetery in

Irwin is hiring a part-time groundskeeper. The position is Monday – Friday, approximately 25-28 hours per week. Applicants are requested to submit a current resume to Courtney Ruby at: cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org or by

calling the parish office 724-863-9550. Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances.

Position requires <u>physical labor</u> and includes but is not limited to:

- Burial Maintenance
- Ground Maintenance
- Grass Cutting & Weed Trimming
- Foundation/Memorial Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Snow removal

Candles

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of John Tomajko

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Mary Lou Holder

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Bernard & Marion Arendas by Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Richard Youngerman

Altar Candles for the Month of September: In Memory of the George, Marie & Timothy Salopek by Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

September 4th- 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach Hebrews Luke 3:17-18; 20; 28-29 12:18-19; 22-24a 14:1; 7-14

September 11th- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus	
1 Timothy	
Luke	

32:7-11; 13-14 1:12-17 15:1-32

Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for all of our faithful 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 August 21, 2022	\$13,832.30
OSV Online Giving Sunday Offertory August 22 - 29, 2022	\$3,906.93

Angels Corner

Queen of Angels Catholic School is looking for a full-time Director of Facilities at their PK-8 school building located in North Huntingdon, PA. The Director of Facilities would be responsible for but not limited to:

- 1. Creating a multi-year maintenance and capital improvement plan
- 2. Scheduling shifts for maintenance/janitorial employees
- 3. Assisting in implementing school's Safety Plan
- 4. Coordinating Vacation/Personal Day requests
- 5. Working with contractors for bids (ex. roofing, snow removal, grounds-keeping, gym times for athletics (work with the Athletic Association)
- 6. Scheduling/Contacting contracted services
- 7. Ordering maintenance and cafeteria supplies where cost effective
- 8. Assisting with janitorial services (cleaning, mopping, trash removal, etc.)
- 9. Addressing plumbing, electrical/ lighting, mechanical, construction/installation/repairs
- 10. Assignment, Completion and Tracking of maintenance request forms (working with staff for set and tear down for special events)
- 11. Helping to maintain outside grounds

AND

Queen of Angels Catholic School is currently looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant at their PK-8 school building located in North Huntingdon, PA. The Administrative Assistant would be responsible for but not limited to:

- 1. Providing secretarial support in all projects.
- 2. Receiving incoming calls, take accurate messages, and direct to appropriate faculty and staff.
- 3. Monitoring daily attendance including late arrivals, early dismissals, and verify excused and unexcused absences.
- 4. Greeting visitors and respond to routine external and internal inquires.
- 5. Assisting children, faculty, staff, and parents with confidential as well as routine questions and concerns.

Candidates must be willing and able to work 5.5 hrs/day Monday-Friday and must be proficient in *Microsoft Office*.

Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter to Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal at Queen of Angels Catholic School, <u>ifilak@queenofangelssch.org</u> 8 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WWW.ICIRWIN.ORG



14th Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference

Performing Art Center, Gateway High School, 9000 Gateway Campus Blvd

Monroeville PA 15146

11:30 AM Door Open12:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration01:30 PM Speaker Deacon Harold

2:30 PM Jeff Joaquin

3:30 PM Matt Leonard

4:30 PM Mass Bishop Waltersheid

Gathering of Catholic Men on September 24th

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Western Pennsylvania is inviting all men to attend the Annual Gathering of Catholic Men, Saturday September 24th at the Gateway High School in Monroeville, PA. Come for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, uplifting music, and popular Catholic speakers including Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Jeff Joaquin, Matthew Leonard and Bishop William Waltersheid, who will also celebrate the closing Mass. Doors open at 11:30, Adoration begins at 12:30 PM, the first speaker starts at 1:30 PM, and Mass begins at 4:30 PM. The cost is \$25.00 per person, \$20 per person with group of 10 or more, and \$10 for College Students. Priests are free. For more information or to register, please go to the website at <u>www.cmfwpa.org</u>

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Irwin, Pennsylvania Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 4, 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

Take Up Your Cross



The New Century Hymnal 204 Text: Charles W. Everest, 1883; alt. Tune (DEUS TUORUM MILITUM, L.M.): Grenoble Antiphoner, 1763 9

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

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 90 Englert/Gelineau

In ever age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

SECOND READING Philemon 1: 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

> 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

Refrain On-ly this I want: but to know the Lord. and to bear his cross so to wear the crown he wore. Verses 1. All but this is loss. worth-less ref - use to me, 2. I will run the good fight, the race; will fight Ι 3. Let your heart be glad, al - ways glad in the Lord, D.C. o. gain all I for to gain the Lord is to need. King-dom Lord. so to win the prize of the of my to shine like stars the dark - ness of the night. SO in

Text: Philippians 3:7–16; 2:15, 18; Dan Schutte, b.1947 Tune: Dan Schutte, b.1947; arr. by Michael Pope, SJ © 1981, Daniel L. Schutte and OCP

Only This I Want

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

EUCHARISTIC ACCLMATIONS

Jubilation Mass James Chepponis



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I Received the Living God



RECESSIONAL HYMN

COMMUNION HYMN

Your Hands, O Lord, In Days of Old



Text: Matthew 14:35–36; Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt., © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc. Tune: MOZART, CMD; adapt. from Wolfgang A. Mozart, 1756–1791

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September 2022

Immaculate Conception Church

Father John Moineau, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

The most important thing

When Jesus promised to be with us always, He wasn't just talking

symbolically. He meant that He would stay with us -Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In fact, when we go to Mass, we meet Jesus, Himself, "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion (Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 1374). Don't miss a single Sunday Mass. He is there every time.

Our "Call"

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When God calls, He asks that His children respond. Throughout history, when the Father called a chosen people, prophets, and kings to service, they responded. Jesus called His apostles and disciples. They responded. God calls each of us. Have you responded? Are you where He wants you to be?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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Four tools for spreading the Good News

Before He ascended, Jesus told His disciples, "Go ... make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We are all called to preach the Gospel,

sometimes by words, but always by the holiness of our lives. Jesus gave us four must-haves for this task:

Peace: The confidence that all things, even our greatest sufferings, will be for our good is peace. Living a Gospel-centered life brings peace and sets us apart in what we choose: music, recreation, dress. These choices are counter-cultural and testify to our faith. Be at peace: our security is in the Truth, not others' opinions of us.

Simplicity: We can't give what we

don't have. To give Christ to others, we must make room for Him in our own hearts. For example, buy only what's necessary and limit time on social

media. Frequent the Sacraments and Mass. Pray daily.

Charity: Jesus uses us to communicate His love to others. In addition to acts of mercy for the poor. charity requires treating others with dignity, respect, patience, and kindness even when it's challenging.

Joy: We experience joy when we receive God's love. This means keeping our hearts open to accepting the Good News, not giving into bitterness and resentment, reminding ourselves of the ways God has shown His love for us. Don't keep it to yourself. Tell others.

Why Do Catholics Why do some churches Do That have altar rails?

Altar rails, or "Communion rails," located between the sanctuary and the front pews, helped facilitate the Communion distribution when everyone received Communion on the tongue while kneeling. The rails encouraged the faithful to be

reverent before the Face of God -

literally. Called, "the people's altar," the rails were also where communicants offered their spiritual sacrifices to God directly as they received Him. We can do this without rails, but kneeling for Communion is a powerful reminder of Who we are receiving.



