

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

"A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST" - A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

## AUGUST 20TH, 2023–TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 19 8:00 a.m. Robert Kroeger (Wife) 4:30 p.m. Priscilla Volpe (Husband & Family) Sunday, August 20 8:00 a.m. Ellen Donnelly (Kathleen) 10:00 a.m. Tim Saunders (Meg) 11:30 a.m. Fred & Betty Ruffolo (Marianne) Monday, August 21 7:45 a.m. Russ, Helen, & Lenny Loughner & Carol Ramoska (Judy) Tuesday, August 22 NO ADORATION AUGUST 22 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family 6:30 p.m. Judd Shiffler (Mom & Dad) Wednesday, August 23 7:45 a.m. Mary & George Stewart (Barb) Thursday, August 24 7:45 a.m. Charles Hickey (Family) Friday, August 25 7:45 a.m. Tony Mauro (Wife) Saturday, August 26 8:00 a.m. Robert Zentner (Missy) 4:30 p.m. Michele Ruby (Family) Sunday, August 27 8:00 a.m. Robert Specht (Mary Pat) 10:00 a.m. Helen Stanish (IC Staff) 11:30 a.m. Leo Peta (Family)

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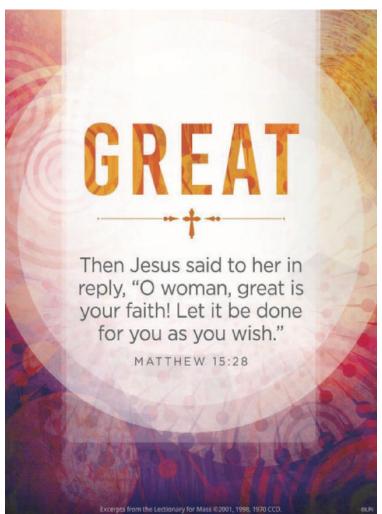
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Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday 308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642 724-863-9550

## HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!



PLEASE JOIN US AUG. 20th at 2:00 PM at ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH FOR OUR THIRD ANNUAL EUCHARIST PROCESSION. ALL ARE WELCOME!



DID YOU FORGET TO SHEDULE YOUR PHOTO?? IT'S NOT TOO LATE!! GO TO <u>UCDIR.COM</u> TO CHOOSE YOUR DATE! OR CALL THE COFFICE AT 724-863-9550!



Questions or volunteers contact Susan Cheplic skcheplic@dioceseofgreesnburg.org or Amy Sage asage@dioceseofgreensburg.org

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES AUG. 26/27th. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!

### SAVE THE DATE:

- ⇒ WED., AUGUST 30, 6:30 P.M.—TOV Catholic Trivia Night
- ⇒ TUES., SEPT. 26, 6:30 PM—CMWG— General Membership Meeting-Installation of New Members



## DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN? CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
 Very little time commitment
 You can pick the mass you prefer
 Readings will be provided
 You will take the children out of mass for approximately 20 minutes to help them understand the readings on their level

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL SUSAN AT: 724-863-9550 OR EMAIL: SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG

**Grief-Share – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** Losing a loved one is very often a devastating and life changing event. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, Immaculate Conception in Irwin invites you to be part of a 13-week

program that offers support, conversation, and comfort.

Sessions are:

Monday evenings from August 21, 2023 through

November 20, 202 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We will meet in the

**Children's Liturgy room in the church.** We will be using the previous version of the Grief -Share program for one more series. Our first session is titled: Is This Normal? It introduces the Grief-Share program and explores why the grief experience may be harder than expected. Contact:

Gerri Dornin at <u>gdornin@comcast.net</u> to register or for more additional information.

## PASTOR'S NOTES



## **SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT**

In the first article of the series about Blasphemes against the Holy Spirit we reflected on how Jesus warns that a house that is divided against itself it cannot stand. Standing guard of our treasures, as to put them under lock and key, is not the way to be strong enough to protect them. Rather one must participate in the gifts of the Holy Spirit to recognize that their value is worth more than the sleep of worldly lure. Being "tied up" begins with each and every little thread of sin that slowly binds us to the ground... to the earthly desire..... and takes away our freedom. This leads us to forget the value of the Spiritual gifts and denounce them (blaspheme) which leads to certain death. Last four weeks we discussed the first four blaspheme against the Holy Spirit: Despair, Presumption, Impugning the known truth and Envy of another's spiritual gifts. This week we will discuss Obstinacy in sin.

**Obstinacy in sin :** to be "obstinate" means to resist the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, to be stubborn, to persist in sin, to be unyielding.



#### WARNING: The Slope is getting Slippery!

The progression towards the last and final sin against the Holy Spirit (impenitence) is becoming harder and harder to avoid as one participates in the first five sins. But obstinacy is like adding liquid soap to a steep slide into hell. There is no stopping when one finally becomes obstinate in a particular sin that is accepted as a part of their life. There are a variety of ways to "excuse" and many acceptable names to give such a way of life.... But call it what you may and make excuses all you want... but it leads to only one end... and that end is eternal separation from God's love.

#### It All Starts with a Moment of Weakness...

I remember when I thought (age 9) that I could never imagine stealing something from the candy store. It seemed incomprehensible that I would take what was not mine and keep it for my own pleasure. My friends freely took penny candy from the counter top as if they we taking a mint from the tellers window. That led to rigging the old fashion Pepsi machine in a way that two bottles dispensed for the price of one. This act of personal "BOGO" shopping was followed by fraudulent pool passes and concession tickets. I knew what they were doing was wrong... I was blessed to have a good moral sense and a weekly 25 cent allowance from my grandma that kept me from falling into this temptation. My friends excused it in the similar fashion that most people excuse the act of Stealing: The store will never miss a piece of bubble gum... or I paid for the one so it's okay to have the second one free.... We paid for passes last year and hardly ever got to use them because of bad weather ... and... the most absurd one: The concession stand should give free food because you already paid for the pass... Kids stuff huh? Well Kids stuff and Kid sins turn into Adult Stuff and Adult sins. The reasoning does not change but the damage and seriousness of the sin becomes grave.

So one day I accepted that extra bottle of Pepsi from my friend who took two. I reasoned that I was accepting the one he paid for... and he was drinking the one he stole. No sin on my part... no guilt. It became easier as the days wore on... and having that extra dime to spend on something else came in handy. It took my mom; in a story I will tell you some other day, to make me realize how wrong it was to accept stolen property. But it became easy to fall into a sin and the excuses that allow one to perpetuate them until the slope is too slippery and the ride ends badly. Continued on next page



## PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

### Top Seven Excuses of Remaining Persistent and Obstinate in Serious Sin:

Plausible deniability and justification by choice leads away from a Truth and to an acceptance of Sin. Here are the top seven reasons given when confronted with the Truth and error of the sinner:

I just like it too much to give it up.

It's just a habit...not life threatening.

Everyone has a Vice.

It will hurt too many people if I give it up.

I am in too deep now that there is no turning back.

I am a good person so how can this choice make or break me?

That is the opinion of the Church that is behind the times.

No way to deny the excuses are lame but sin is powerful and it's allurement deadly.

## Ways to Beat the Grasp of Obstinacy in Sin:

- **Hate it**: Eventually, one recognizes that a particular sin gives a momentary pleasure and a longer lasting sadness. Hate that effect more than the fleeting pleasure.
- Starve it: Do not play into the occasion of Sin. Don't climb the ladder of the slide that leads down that slippery slope
- **Corner it**: This takes real strength.... Don't soften the acceptance of a sin with trying to tip the scales with your good deeds or human kindness... make it your enemy...don't allow it to freely excuse itself.
- **Overwhelm it**: Prayer, sacramental confession and frequent Holy Communion!!! Overwhelm it with the love and Grace of God's Peace. This allows the Holy Spirit to take its proper place.

Next week: **Final impenitence** "Impenitence" means to be uncontrite, unrepentant, hardened, unconverted, to be without regret, shame or remorse.

## AUGUST 20th, 2023 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Rick Borland by Carol

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Joan Noca

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Joseph Fontana, Jr. by Dan & Joan

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Dolores Basara

St. Joseph's Candle: In Memory of Donnelly Family by Kathleen

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

## Readings Week

### August 20th - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah Romans Matthew 56:1, 6-7 11:13-15, 29-32 15:21-28

#### August 27th - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah Romans Matthew 22:19-23 11:13-36 16:13-20

#### **Prayers and Sympathy**

Please pray for all of our dearly departed. May they rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon them.

#### Eternal Father,

I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

#### **Homebound Ministry**

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring the Holy Communion, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or email sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org



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

724-863-9550 to update and/or obtain your clearances.

## 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 the parish office one year in advance of the wedding.

### Baptism

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

## Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving

For additional information, or to sign

### up, visit our website at:

## www.icirwin.org/giving/funds

If you decide to switch to online giving and would like to discontinue your envelopes please contact the parish office. Thank you!

### **WEEKLY OFFERING:**

Sunday Offertory Aug. 4/5-\$17,684.18

Online Giving Aug 7-13-\$3,704.25

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### **Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

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 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.

## AUGUST 2023 BURGER BASH SUMMARY

**Burger Bash Season Diamond Sponsors:** 

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Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers/Women's Guild <u>August's Business Sponsors:</u>

Platinum Sponsor – The Ramona D. Kinsey Charitable Fund

Bronze Sponsor – Shaffer Memorials

August Business Sponsorship - \$650.00

August French Fry Families - \$25.00

August Hot Dog Club - \$360.00

Thank you to everyone who supported August's Burger Bash. Our Total Profit for August's Burger Bash is: \$4,065.27

September Sponsors

Norwin Landscape & Supply A.T. Merhaut Inc. New Crescent Brewing

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

### ANGEL'S CORNER QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED—We are currently looking to fill our substitute teacher list for the school year 2023-2024. If you would like to be added, please send your resume to: Queen of Angels Catholic School c/o Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal One Main Street North <u>Huntingdon, PA 15642</u> Or email Jennifer Filak at jfilak@queenofangelssch.org. She can also be reached in the school office at 724-978-0144. Queen of Angels and the Diocese of Greensburg is excited to offer our first annual Co-Ed Flag Football season! Registration is open for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Games will be on Saturdays starting in October ending in November. <u>COACHES</u> <u>ARE NEEDED!!</u> You do not need football coaching experience, and anyone is welcome to coach (see the Diocese of Greensburg website for coaching clearance requirements). Any questions please contact Joanne Mastalerz, Athletic Director at Jmastalerz@queenofangelssch.org



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The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all

people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus **always** responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use. Consider donating these items to the Jeannette St. Vincent de Paul store at 372 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The proceeds from the store help serve those in need in the surrounding Jeannette community. If you don't have anything to donate, please shop at the store. In addition to finding hidden treasures and countless bargains, your purchases will provide funds for the Jeannette St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Run by volunteers, the store is open Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM – 3 PM. Call (724) 527-5776 for additional information.



Knights of Columbus St Jude
Council 9019-monthly meeting
Monday August 21, 2023
St Agnes, and Resurrection Hall
The meeting starts at 7:15 with the

Rosary. St Jude Council covers the parishes of IC, St Agnes, and St Elizabeth Ann Seton. If you are interested in joining the Knights, or would like to transfer to our Council, please contact:

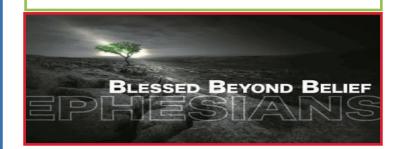
Al Borgony: 724-864-3487 or email: a.borgony@comcast.net or go to our website: kofc.org and join online.

**St. Monica's Tears Holy Hour Aug. 31 in Jeannette** The Jeannette Catholic Community will host a St. Monica's Tears Holy Hour Thursday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. at Ascension Parish. Just as St. Monica prayed for the conversion of her son, Augustine, we will be praying for our loved ones who have left the church. The Holy Hour will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praying of psalms, hymns and silent prayer. Light refreshments will follow. For more information, call 724-523-2560.

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**, an ecumenical social outreach mission of St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner and child care are provided. For information, call 724-423-3777 or 724-537-7358.

### Dementia Support Group-

This group is for anyone dealing with a loved one who has dementia. 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 scheduled meeting is *Tuesday, September 5th.* For more information, contact Gail Henderson at 412-848-2076 or email her at gailhend@comcast.net.





6:00 p.m \$300	7:00 p.m \$300	8:00 p.m \$200
6:15 p.m \$200	7:15 p.m \$200	8:15 p.m \$300
6:30 p.m \$300	7:30 p.m \$750	8:30 p.m \$200
6:45 p.m \$200	7:45 p.m \$300	8:45 p.m \$1000

Food, beer, and soda are included in ticket price ~ BYOB ~ Must be 21 to attend Winner need not be present to win. Winners will be notified. SGOC #269 and #326 Donation: \$30.00 per person

#### TWELVE chances to win cash prizes - two numbers per ticket

How can you help?

We need **VOLUNTEERS** to work the event (you **Do Not** have to work the entire time). Please call Immaculate Conception Parish Office 724-863-9550 **DONATION** suggestions: Basket for our Auction, lottery tickets, gift cards, Steeler or Penguin tickets for our special raffles Questions? Call Immaculate Conception Parish Office 724-863-9550

#### AVAILABLE TO WIN:

> LARGE ITEM AUCTION
 > TWENTY TIMES YOUR MONEY ENVELOPE
 > SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE, PAINT STICKS 50/50, REGULAR 50/50
 > BASKET RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold after masses 9/23 & 9/24 and at the parish office.



Are you attending? Yes No SEAS/IC Cash Bash 11/4/23





## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 2023 - 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

For the Healing of the Nations



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#### 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 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 67 John Schiavone

#### O God, let all the nations praise you!

#### SECOND READING Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

### 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

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#### THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Healer of Our Every Ill



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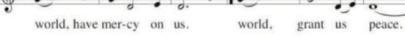
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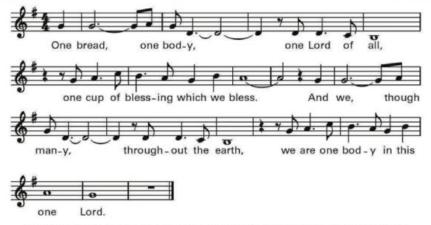
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Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old



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