



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

NOVEMBER 19, 2023—THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Butch Malkos (Bodzinski Family)

4:30 p.m. Jim Whalen (Family)

Sunday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Louise Polczynski (Husband)

10:00 a.m. Bernard & Marion Arendas
(Family)

11:30 a.m. Delores Nese (Family)

Monday, November 20

7:45 a.m. Alex Dezorzi (Family)

Tuesday, November 21

7:45 a.m. Lynette McHugh (Cindy)

6:30 p.m. **NO ADORATION, CONFESSIONS
OR MASS**

Wednesday, November 22

7:45 a.m. Nancy Sullivan (Rodger)

6:30 p.m. Our Parish Family

Thursday, November 23

7:45 a.m. Ambrose & David Borandi (Family)

Friday, November 24

7:45 a.m. Dona & Coleman P. Keane (Family)

Saturday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Elaine Baker (Dan)

4:30 p.m. Nicholas DeFelice (Wife)

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Liddie Blank (Tyler)

10:00 a.m. Robert Wigginton, III (Gail)

11:30 a.m. Betty Eizenhafer (Bob & Mary)

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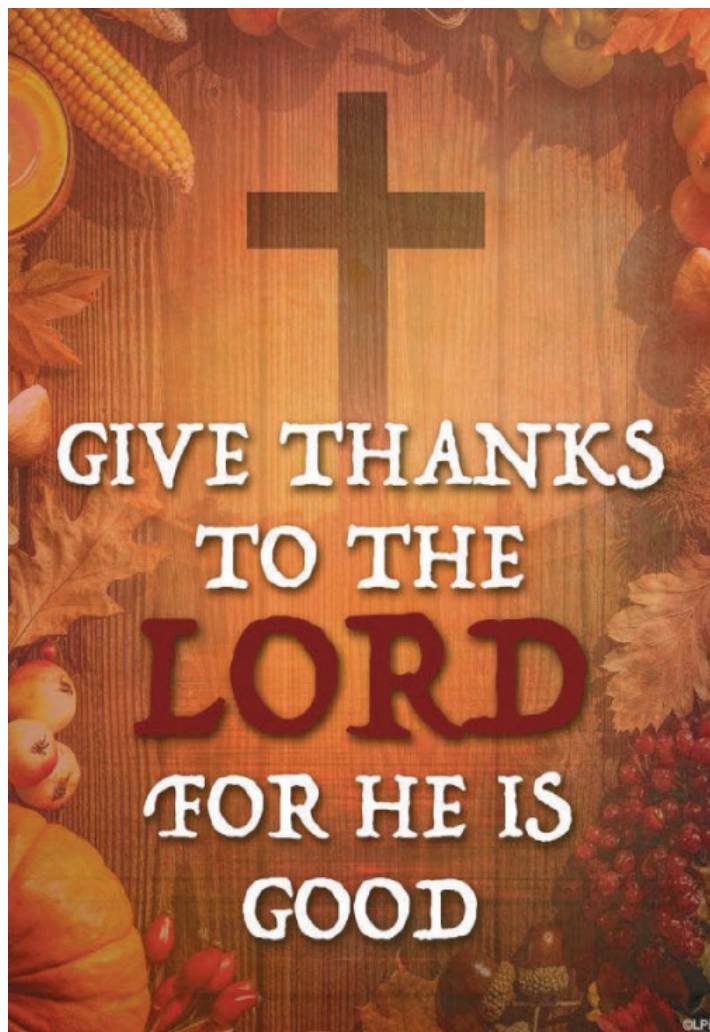
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HELP LINES

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www.svdpgreensburg.org - 724-691-3711

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg
724-837-1840

Parish Office Hours - 8am to 4pm

Monday through Friday

308 Second Street - Irwin, Pa 15642
724-863-9550

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER!



**PARISH ADMIN
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
FRIDAY, NOV 24th &
MONDAY, NOV 27th**

FAITH FORMATION PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAMILY MASS

WHEN: DECEMBER 4, 2023

WHERE: IC CHURCH

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
STAY AFTERWARDS TO
MAKE AN
ADVENT WREATH,
PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN
AT:**

SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG



Youth Group/s Advent Sale-children's liturgy room

Advent Taper Candle Set (3 purple, 1 rose)
Brass Advent Wreath (small & large)
Christmas Car Magnets
Bracelets, Ornaments
Variety of Advent Count-down Calendars & much more

Please support the youth group this weekend!

ANNUAL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS WOMEN'S GUILD (CMWG) NO BAKE BAKE SALE

BEGINS THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 4/5 AND ENDS THE WEEK-
END OF NOV. 25/26. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE
BAKE SALE, ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER ALL
MASSES IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. THANK YOU IN
ADVANCE!



Holiday Cash

FOUR DAYS TO WIN



Winning number taken from First PA Pick 3 EVENING Number drawing on

Dec. 25, 2023 - Win \$2000.00 CASH

Dec. 26, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Dec. 31, 2023 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Jan. 1, 2024 - Win \$1000.00 CASH

Benefits Immaculate Conception Parish

Donation \$10.00

1000 Tickets Sold

SGOC License #409

Holiday Cash tickets will be available before & after masses Nov. 18/19th and also in the parish admin. office until they are all sold!
Questions-Please call the office-724-863-9550.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- ✚ Oplatki will be available beginning next weekend for a \$3.00 donation
- ✚ Altar Candles are available for 2024, they are lit in memory of the person for a month and the cost is \$100. Please call the office at 724-863-9550
- ✚ Christian Mothers Women's Guild Christmas Party is December 3, 2023 after 11:30 a.m. mass in Our Lady's Plaza
- ✚ Theology on the Vine— December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Our Lady's Plaza
- ✚ Breakfast with Santa—December 9, 2023— 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Our Lady's Plaza
- ✚ Lessons and Carols—December 10, 2023 at 4 p.m.
- ✚ Advent Penance Service—December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

St. Anne Home in Greensburg

2024 Lottery Calendars still available in the office for \$30 each—please call the office-724-864-9550

LET'S GIVE THANKS TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY

Before we join our families around our tables Thanksgiving Day, I invite you to gather as a parish family around the table of **Christ for Mass, on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30 p.m.**, followed by a reception in **Our Lady's Plaza**. The "Eucharist" means thanksgiving. There is no better way to count our blessings!

We will provide:

- ✚ Slider Sandwiches
- ✚ Water, Soda & Sangria
- ✚ Paper Products
- ✚ Round Tables & Tablecloths

What can you bring:

- *Your favorite appetizer to share
- *Family and friends
- **We can plug crockpots in but are not able to heat anything in the oven.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: PLEASE TAKE TRAYS, PLATES AND/OR PLATTERS WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE SO THEY DON'T DISAPPEAR!

PASTOR'S NOTES

"YOU'RE WELCOME" THE PROPER RESPONSE TO "THANK YOU"



Thanksgiving comes with a great "folklore" history of the Pilgrims and the Indians sharing a meal which is only equaled by the family tradition of Turkey and Football. For some it is a day of sharing with a parish family giving Thanks for the cornucopia of God's spiritual blessings, as well as, blessings of health and wealth. But it is all the same, if we remember to give thanks for all that we are blessed to have, as a faith community, family, and nation. Some get very sentimental about their blessings while others take them for granted. Many feel that they have plenty to be thankful for while others, in their loneliness, poor health and brokenness, only wish that the day would be removed from the calendar. Is the day overrated? Is it just another

Hallmark moment of Snoopy cooking a dinner for his beloved master Charlie Brown? I am not sure. Really, I believe that giving thanks is easy to do once a year in a general way. Let's face it, this act of blessing, food and outspoken gratitude is still a general kind of non-committal "Thank You" that most of the time does not ask for anything in return.

Giving Thanks is the Easy Part!! When giving thanks, is the expected response to a blessing, a financial bouquet, a helping hand or a simple kind gesture, we the giver can forget why and what we are offering in the true act of charity. Since the time I made my first arts-n-craft turkey out of tissue paper in grade school I realized that thank you came easier than the response to my own gesture of kindness. Why is there only one expected response for the recipient and an array of answers in return? Most of us are embarrassed by the humble acknowledgement that comes in return to our generosity. We want to keep it non-committal. We want it to be more an act of the "expected" thing to do in the given situation. So, we answer somewhat flippant: *"Ah it was nothing"; "Don't mention it"; "you would have done the same"* or any other way that lessens the gift so to lessen the need to do it again. The proper response to "Thank you" is "You are Welcome." The word welcome is more meaningful and life changing than the gift itself! It is more gracious than the thank you offered by the recipient. Welcome means you are invited to this gift as if it is already yours!! It means that whatever I have is yours and not only my charity but, you are invited to share my life; share my faith, hope, and love of God who is the source of my kindness and generosity. Your welcome is your way to say to someone this gift I give is just a token of my desire to walk with you, pray with you, and share with you the path of life.



God's invitation is more than His Blessings - I wonder how inviting the first "thanksgiving" was between the Pilgrims and Indians at Plymouth Rock? I am sure that they were thankful that they could share food that autumn day and maybe even enjoy each other's company. Perhaps they had high hopes to learn from each other a way to survive difficult times. I wonder if the response of the giver was "You're Welcome." I am sure it was much less committal than a "You're Welcome" on either party. I mean, let's face it, tolerance is different than peace and a token gift is less than a desire to share sacred and precious land. I mean...the Indians were not welcoming the Pilgrims to live side by side with them or the Pilgrims were not willing to do the same.

THE MISSION TO SERVE THE POOR

"FOR OUR PARISH, ST. VINCENT DEPAUL FUND": A THANKSGIVING BLESSING!

"Who will excuse us before God for the loss of such a great number of people, who could be saved by the slight assistance we could give them?" St. Vincent DePaul



I have been blessed these past eleven years to have been appointed spiritual director to the Society of Saint Vincent DePaul in the Norwin area. I am truly humbled by the amazing zeal and love for the poor on behalf of the members who tirelessly dedicate themselves to those who are in most need of God's loving Mercy. The challenge to meet the needs of the poor in our area seems insurmountable at times but by the grace of God coupled with tireless servants of our society and many individual benefactors, hundreds of individuals and families are helped to make their way in this world.

The Society offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often, through direct dollars or kind service. An essential precept of the Society's work is to help while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those served. The kindness that is extended is always done in the spirit of the Gospel and the love of the Catholic Church. Bringing the face of Christ to the poor is the mission and seeing Christ in the poor is our gift.

The typical services that are rendered are as follows: *Food and household supplies; heating fuel; utilities; rent assistance; auto fuel and repairs; prescriptions; scrip-food cards; clothing; transportation and educational supplies and needs.*

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

I would like to extend a sincere thanks to the members of our society for their love and dedication. For those who presently hold office, work the local food pantry, organize the winter coat drive, aid families with services and repairs; organize and distribute Christmas gifts; clothes and school supplies and especially tend to the needs of those who call our hot line daily. They may remain nameless here in this article but their work does not go unnoticed.

Your Help and Assistance is Appreciated and Needed



Last year we distributed over \$70,000 to the poor of our area! *These funds come strictly from the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Saint Agnes and Immaculate Conception parishes.* We receive these funds via the parish poor box and the annual Thanksgiving collection. All funds that we receive are distributed to aid the poor. As the cost of living continues to rise, the more necessary it is for us to depend on your generosity.

So, in the spirit of Thanksgiving and inspired both by the words of the Gospel and our founder St. Vincent DePaul, I ask you to please be as generous to this collection as you see possible! In the name of our Society and that of the poor I thank you and ask God's blessing to be with you for your kindness and concern for the poor!

Father John Moineau

Taking the Next Step!



Last week you received a letter from me asking for you to join me in the increase offertory program that is sponsored by the Diocese. The letter shared with you our needs and the great gift you can give as "thanksGIVING" this year. Below is a further meditation on the reason to make a "true" sacrificial gift."

"OFFER TO GOD A SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE"

In Saint Matthew's Gospel (chapter 21) we hear of Jesus becoming discontent of heart as He enters into His Father's House (the temple) to find the buying and selling of animals for sacrifice. The people had lost **their focus** on what sacrifice meant. It was to be an offering of love to God for His Goodness and a desire to be forgiven of their sinfulness. But now it was a market place of convenience, one stop shopping if you will, making it impersonal and for many a chance to earn a

profit. Jesus proclaims this practice as one of making the temple a "market place" and a "Den of Thieves". Jesus' anger is justified for His Father's house was to be a place of Worship and Praise not meaningless bargaining.

These efforts of burnt offerings and acts of sacrifice were **not redemptive**. They could not please God for the animals themselves could not save one from sin. Jesus knows that he will become the **sacrifice**; the **temple**; and the **priest** who will offer the **only** sacrifice that matters...himself on the cross.

We today realize a redemptive sacrifice has been offered on our behalf...we participate in that very sacrifice at the Holy Mass. So, it is not in "winning favor" with God that we make our offering each week that accompanies the bread and wine in the procession. No, our sacrifice is one of **Thanksgiving and Praise** for what we have already received (**redemption**) and what we continue to receive (**grace and mercy**) through the Sacraments and the teachings of the Church.

**"Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God
and render him your votive offerings
Call on me in the day of distress.**

I will free you and you shall honor me." (Psalm 50)

Traditionally the practice of tithing (giving of 10% of one's wealth to God) was the offering of "first fruits" of God's goodness given to man and not the surplus which one could do without. The spiritual act of tithing is to give as a sign of thanksgiving and devotion to God who has given all that we need now and eternally in heaven. No bargaining chip...no down payment...no winning favor...just an act of love!!!

This year's increased offertory discernment should take into consideration the disposition of the above quote from Psalm 50. Those who show true thanksgiving and devotion in a sacrificial way will, by God's Grace, also know how to receive from Him what is needed in the day of distress (**hour of death**) and be freed from selfishness that binds one to the worldly kingdom and come to share in the heavenly one!

TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Over the past several years we have been trying to gently move ourselves to the spirit of tithing and making a spiritual commitment of supporting the parish (via weekly offering) by offering 5% of our "first fruits" to the parish and the other 5% to our desirable charities and works of the Church. Taking the next step allows us **to evaluate** where we are in the giving process and to discern what step we can make this coming year to come even closer to our personal commitment of tithing.

Please refer to the scale below as a guide to lead you one step closer to offering your gift of Thanksgiving and praise!

PASTOR'S NOTES CONTINUED

Take A Step Weekly Giving Guide - Find your household income in the far-left column, move to the right to locate your weekly gift and then "**Take A Step**" in your faith and your generosity.

Household Income	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%
\$200,000	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$115	\$135	\$154	\$173	\$192
\$150,000	\$14	\$29	\$43	\$58	\$72	\$87	\$101	\$115	\$130	\$144
\$125,000	\$12	\$24	\$36	\$48	\$60	\$72	\$84	\$96	\$108	\$120
\$100,000	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$58	\$67	\$77	\$87	\$96
\$90,000	\$9	\$17	\$26	\$35	\$43	\$52	\$61	\$69	\$78	\$87
\$80,000	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$46	\$54	\$62	\$69	\$77
\$70,000	\$7	\$13	\$20	\$27	\$34	\$40	\$47	\$54	\$61	\$67
\$60,000	\$6	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$35	\$40	\$46	\$52	\$58
\$50,000	\$5	\$10	\$14	\$19	\$24	\$29	\$34	\$38	\$43	\$48
\$40,000	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$23	\$27	\$31	\$35	\$38
\$30,000	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$14	\$17	\$20	\$23	\$26	\$29



Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be at 6:30 pm—
The collection will be for
St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Thank you in Advance!

Don't forget to join us in Our Lady's Plaza for the
Thanksgiving Eve gathering!

July 2022– June 2023—SAINT VINCENT de PAUL - \$22,935.95

Funds contributed to this program are used to assist those from the local Norwin Area Catholic Community, in need of food, heat, fuel, shelter, medical and family emergencies and the other necessities of life.

In 2022-2023 Immaculate Conception Parish contributed \$22,935.95 to this program.

Poor Box/ Thanksgiving Eve collections - \$12,935.95 From Diocesan Lenten Appeal - \$10,000.00



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH OUTREACH 2022-2023 CHARITABLE OUTREACH PROGRAM

Beginning Balance July 1, 2022	\$11,825.17
Donations July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	\$1,520.00
Funds Available 2022- 2023	<u>\$13,345.17</u>
Outreach (Utilities/Groceries/Medical) July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	\$3,694.96
Ending Balance June 30, 2023	\$9,650.21

All assistance provided through this program is designated for Immaculate Conception parishioners only.
It is intended to lend a helping hand to parishioners in need of help during a difficult time in their lives.

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Bob & Louise Spivak by
Daughter Barb

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Gladys Harvath by
Nancy Dupier & Lin Wiltrek

Divine Mercy Candle: In Memory of Lynette McHugh by
Cindy & John

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Liddie Blank by
Paula Egnot

St. Joseph's Candle: Dolores Starzenski by
Tina Fisher & Family

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

Readings of the Week

November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

Prayers and Sympathy



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

GRIEF-SHARING GROUP

Monday evenings from August 21, 2023
through

November 20, 2023 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.
Children's Liturgy room in the church.

Gerri Dornin at gdornin@comcast.net to register
or for more additional information.

Homebound Ministry

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Minister bring them Holy Communion, please call Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or
Email her at: 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. & Saturday: 9-10 a.m.

Immaculate Conception

Parish offers

Online Giving

For additional information

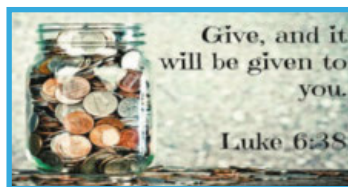
visit our website at:

www.icirwin.org/

giving/funds or scan the QR Code



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 -
11/4/5 - \$16,646.46**

Online Giving - 11/6-11/11 is \$2,137.35

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FINANCIAL REPORT: FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023

INCOME LINE ITEMS (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

ORDINARY:	Offerstory (Sunday, holydays, seasonal, candle, flowers)	\$1,323,206.98
EXTRAORDINARY:	Emergency fund, bequests, donations, gifts, memorials, interest, fundraising	\$104,464.77
NON-ASSESSABLE:	Accent, DLA refund, diocesan coll., savings withdrawals, endowment funds rec'd, religious education tuition, other income, exchange, & Catholic Institute Reserve	\$444,268.62
TOTAL INCOME:		\$1,871,940.37

EXPENSE LINE ITEMS (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

ADMINISTRATIVE:	Salaries of clergy, pastoral minister, adminis. staff. Telephone, office expense, Offerstory envelopes, Catholic Accent, & Hospital Ministry	\$327,147.40
CHURCH:	Salaries of music staff, music expense. Liturgical/sanctuary supplies, RCIA. Clergy Assistance. Routine maintenance and repair. Flower expense	111,709.43
RECTORY:	Housing of clergy, basic needs. Routine maintenance/repair	8,786.04
EDUCATIONAL:	Salary of formation director/youth minister. Formation/Sacramental/Youth Ministry Adult Education. Education Assessment(13.8% on assessable income)	262,408.76
GENERAL:	Salary of maintenance staff. Utilities, building maintenance and repair. Clergy/employee benefits/FICA. Property taxes. Insurance (IODG) Cathedraticum - Diocesan Assessment-8% on assessable income.	436,235.09
EXTRAORDINARY:	Major repairs, furnishings & equipment. Savings & Endowment deposits. Cemetery Support, Diocesan collections.	574,565.34
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$1,720,852.06

PARISH RESERVE: \$1,852,734.53

EMERGENCY FUND:\$78,187.10

2022-2023 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS

Accent/Technology.....\$27,203.40 Hospital Ministry.....\$30,681.24 Education Assessment.....\$195,041.28
IODG (Building/Property Insurance).....\$50,758.68 Cathedraticum.....\$113,067.44

TOTAL ASSESSMENTS 2022-2023\$416,752.04

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY

Cemetery Balance July 1, 2022	\$16,528.08
Cemetery Income (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	1,086,814.20
Parish Support (July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2023)	120,000.00
Cemetery Expense (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)	<u>1,123,663.53</u>
Cemetery Balance June 30, 2023:	\$99,678.75
Cemetery Savings Account - June 30, 2023:	\$828,048.13
Cemetery Endowed Care Fund - June 30, 2023:	\$1,171,334.71

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH – FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

The diocesan assessments for the fiscal year 2022-2023 totaled **\$416,752.04**. Following is a description of these assessments and the cost of each.

CATHOLIC ACCENT: The Catholic Accent, our diocesan newspaper, is published biweekly at a cost of \$12.75 per annual subscription. This publication contains a variety of world, national and local news designed to educate, entertain and inform. The parishes are assessed on a calculated total of the number of subscribers or 80% of parish households, whichever is greater. **Our total cost for fiscal 2022-2023 was \$27,203.04. Your use of the Catholic Accent envelope in your offertory packet helped to defray that cost by \$4,742.30.** Thank you for your ongoing support of this publication.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY: The Hospital Ministry is a chaplain program at the hospitals located within the Diocese of Greensburg. These chaplains visit with and bring the sacraments to parishioners confined to the area hospitals. This program is of great assistance to parish priests who, due to their many parish obligations, cannot always visit their hospitalized parishioners. The total cost of this program is allocated to all diocesan parishes based on the number of individuals in each parish. **For fiscal 2022-2023 our total cost was \$30,681.24.**

EDUCATION ASSESSMENT: The Education Assessment is designed to assist the Catholic elementary and high schools within the Diocese of Greensburg. The assessment is based upon a percentage of parish assessable income at 13.8%, 11.5% or 3%, depending on the parish's geographic location relative to the schools. Assessable income consists of all of the prior year ordinary and extraordinary income of the parish. Immaculate Conception Parish falls into the 13.8% geographic category. **The parish assessment for fiscal 2022-2023 was \$195,041.28.**

IODG (Insurance of the Diocese of Greensburg): This assessment is similar in design to one's homeowners and vehicle insurance. The diocese investigates and chooses the best insurance plan to cover all diocesan and parish buildings, contents, vehicles, other property, and workers compensation. For Immaculate Conception Parish this would include not only the parish but Immaculate Conception Cemetery as well. **For fiscal 2022-2023 our IODG costs were \$50,758.68.**

CATHEDRATICUM (Diocesan Assessment (tax)): This assessment is designed to assist the diocese with all of the diocesan workings such as staffing and operational costs. The parish cost is 8% of all prior year ordinary and extraordinary income. **The parish assessment for fiscal 2022-2023 was \$113,067.44**

July 2022 to June 2023—Diocesan Collections

The Catholic University and Catholic Schools: \$586.00

To support Catholic education, both locally and nationally.

Seminarian and Clergy Formation: \$865.00

To support our Seminarian and Clergy formation taken the last Sunday in September.

Retired Religious & Diocesan Retired Priests: \$1,542.00

Diocesan collection taken the first Sunday in November for retired religious and retired diocesan Priests.

World Mission Sunday: \$1,297.50

Funds are used to support the work of foreign missions throughout the world with training of priests and catechists.

Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund & Catholic Relief Services: \$1,740.00

Contributions to the collection are divided equally. The Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund helps those in need here in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Catholic Relief Services helps those in need on an international basis.

Children/Family Services Appeal: \$2,173.30

This collection supports the work of Catholic Charities throughout the four counties of the Diocese of Greensburg.

Communication Media: \$612.00

Supports our local communication efforts and the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world.

Mission Cooperative: \$2,488.15.

Catholic organizations from around the world are assigned to parishes within the United States to present the nature of their mission and to seek funds to continue their humanitarian work. In November 2022 our Mission Cooperative was the Diocese of Gallup.

Home Missions of the Americas: \$1,356.00

This collection funds the many mission dioceses in the United States & its territories by providing care for the sick, religious education and by training people with skills to help themselves.

Peter's Pence/Holy See: \$851.00

Donations to Peter's Pence are used to fund emergency relief assistance to people around the world suffering from war, oppression & natural disasters. Holy See donations help to support operational expenses.

Eastern Europe: \$915.00

Funds from this collection supports the work of the church in Central & Eastern Europe by aiding seminaries, social services, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation.

PARISH GIVING TREE HELPING THE LEAST OF OUR NEIGHBORS

As, in the past, the parish will be sponsoring a giving tree project to help families of our parish to cope with the overwhelming expenses of the Christmas Season. These families have been identified as in need of financial support in order to purchase gifts for their children and prepare a Christmas meal for the family.

In the Spirit of the wise men, who brought gifts to the infant child Jesus to reveal his divinity, we ask you to help be the giver of gifts that will allow the spirit of the Christ Child to be alive in the hearts of the needy. You will find upon our humble tree tags that you may select to purchase Giant Eagle & Walmart gift cards with a variety of denominations. You may also purchase gift cards through Queen of Angels School.

This tree will be displayed in the Hall of Memories. I want to thank you in advance for serving in the spirit of the Jesus Creed.



All gifts and monies need to be returned to parish office no later than -

Monday, December 11, 2023.

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It is time to give thanks for our blessings. At Queen of Angels Catholic School, we are truly blessed with the gift of a supportive community of friends. A special "thank you" goes to our Pastors, and our parish families for their continued care. Father Dan Ulishney and St. Agnes Parish, Father John Moineau and Father Louiegene and Immaculate Conception Parish and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Father Michael Sikon and St. Barbara Parish, and Father Dave Nazimek and St. Edward Parish. Your financial support and consistent prayers are appreciated, and we offer our daily prayers of gratitude for you. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of life's riches that have come our way. Here's wishing the same to you on this Thanksgiving Day!

—Ms. Jennifer Filak, Principal

Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good His Love Endures Forever — Psalm 107:1



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2. Include a check made payable to Queen of Angels Catholic School
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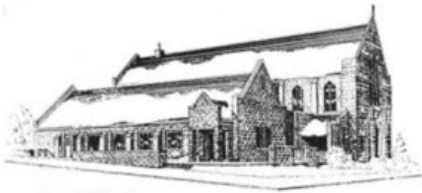
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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, From your
2. Skills and time are ours for press - ing Toward the
3. Treas - ure, too, you have en - trust - ed, Gain through

rich and end - less store: Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus'
goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and
pow'rs your grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and

wis - dom, Cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered
free - dom, Rac - es joined, the Church made
kin - dred, And to spread the Gos - pel

door, Gift - ed by you, we turn to you, Of - f'ring
one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, Lest we
Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, As we

up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall rise for -
strive for self a - lone; Born with tal - ents, make us
heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing, and re -

ev - er, Gra - cious do - nor of our days.
ser - vants Fit to an - swer at your throne.
claim - ing, Serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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 Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 128 *Michel Guimont*

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

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

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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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

1. My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need; The
 2. When I walk through the shades of death, Your
 3. The sure pro - vi - sions of my God At -

1. Lord God is his name. In pas - tures
 2. pres - ence is my stay; One word of
 3. tend me all my days; O may your

1. green he makes me feed, Be - side the liv - ing
 2. your sup - port - ing breath Drives all my fears a -
 3. house be my a - bode, And all my work be

1. stream. He brings my wan - d'ring
 2. way. Your hand, in sight of
 3. praise! There would I find a

1. spir - it back, When I for - sake his ways;
 2. all my foes, Does still my ta - ble spread;
 3. set - tled rest, While oth - ers go and come,

1. And leads me for his mer - cy's
 2. My cup with bless - ings o - ver -
 3. No more a stran - ger nor a

1. sake, In paths of truth and grace.
 2. flows, Your oil a - noints my head.
 3. guest; But like a child at home.

EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

New Plainsong Mass

David Hurd

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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A - men, a - men,
a - men.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

I Received the Living God



I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

I re-ceived the liv-ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Bernard Geoffroy
Tr. by Anon.
Vs. 2: Alan J. Hommerding
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Clément Jacob, 1906–1977

RECESSIONAL HYMN

With Gifts that Differ By Your Grace



1. With gifts that dif - fer by your grace Your Spir - it fits us
2. And yet, be-cause our faith is frail, We bur - y gifts you
3. Come, Spir - it, build your Church a - new, That all may do their

all, That Chris - tians in each time and place May
give. A - fraid to risk, a - fraid to fail, We
part, To - geth - er find - ing life in you, Di -

an - swer when you call. You strength - en some to
are not free to live. At times we use your
verse, yet one in heart. So may your peo - ple

take a stand, To proph - e - sy or preach, While
sa - cred gifts For on - ly self - ish ends. Our
seek your will, Trans - formed in all our ways. We

oth - ers give with o - pen hand, Or heal the sick, or teach.
pur - pose fades, our fo - cus shifts, And con - flict soon at - tends.
of - fer bod - y, mind, and skill, A sac - ri - fice of praise.

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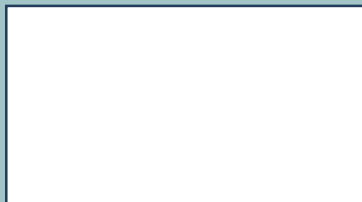
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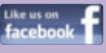
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