IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH AUGUST 4, 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 3, 2024 8:30 a.m. Mass at Seton 4:30 p.m. Helen & Peter Goldych (Meigs & Alvarez Family) Sunday, August 4, 2024 8:00 a.m. Daniel W. McCarthy(Dan & Joan) 10:00 a.m. Bernard & Marion Årendas (Family) 11:30 a.m. Anthony Nese (Family) Monday, August 5, 2024 7:45 a.m. Joseph Fontana, Jr. (Family) Tuesday, August 6, 2024 7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family Eucharistic Adoration following 7:45 Mass 5:15-6:15 a.m. Confessions 6:30 p.m. Margaret DeLaney (Family) Wednesday, August 7, 2024 7:45 a.m. Clare Behr (Family) Thursday, August 8, 2024 7:45 a.m. Pat Huemme (Family) Friday, August 9, 2024 7:45 a.m. Anna Kaminski (Meigs/Alvarez Family) Saturday, August 10, 2024 8:00 a.m. Russ, Helen, & Lenny Loughner & Carol (Judy) 4:30 p.m. Marty McHugh (Parents) Sunday, August 11, 2024 8:00 a.m. Marie Salopek (Children) 10:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (Judy) 11:30 a.m. Leo Peta (Family)

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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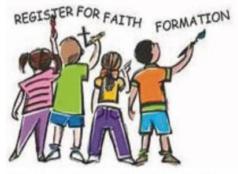
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HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP/IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP— IMG/IWG SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024 OUR LADY'S PLAZA

Please join us for our last summer meeting. We will be watching a film from the Augustine Institute: *Seeking the Face of God*. Please bring a friend and join us. All are welcome!



FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION WILL BE SENT OUT VIA FLOCKNOTE AND/OR EMAIL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS! PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE INFORMATION! ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN CHEPLIC AT SKCHEPLIC@DIOCESEOFGREENSBURG.ORG

CHRISTIAN MOTHER/WOMEN'S GUILD— CMWG-GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of new officers will be August 13, 2024 in Our Lady's Plaza immediately following Tuesday evening Mass or 7 p.m. There will be a ballot box in the Narthex before and after Masses the weekend of July 27/28 and August 3/4



for Christian Mothers to nominate new officers.

NEXT BURGER BASH

SATURDAY AUGUST 10 11 AM TO 1:30 PM



DRIVE UP TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER AND THEN TAKE IT INSIDE TO OUR LADY'S PLAZA TO EAT IF YOU'D LIKE!

WE WILL BE SELLING WATER AT THE BURGER BASH! PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING A CASE OF WATER - IT CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE MON.-FRI.-8AM-4PM - THANK YOU! Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Irwin is hiring a full time cemetery assistant manager. The position is Monday – Friday, approximately 40 hours per week. Occasionally Saturday work is required. Applicants are requested to submit a current resume to Courtney Ruby at <u>cruby@dioceseofgreensburg.org</u> or call the parish office at 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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY FULL TIME <u>POSITION</u>: The position is Monday-Friday, approximately 40 hours per week and requires physical labor, preferred excavator experience. Candidates must have the ability to obtain all necessary clearances. For more information please contact Courtney Ruby, Business Manager, at (724) 863-9550

Creation Care Corner



What is the Vatican doing to care for God's creation?

Pope Francis announced in June that the Vatican will begin working to build an agrivoltaic system that will supply the entire Vatican City's energy needs.

"There is a need to make a transition to a model of sustainable development that reduces greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere, and establish the goal of climate neutrality", the Pope said in his apostolic letter, titled "Brother Sun", released on June 21st, the summer solstice and longest day of the year.

"Humanity has the technological means needed to tackle this environmental transformation and its ethical, social, economic, and political consequences, and among these, solar energy plays a key role" said the Holy Father.

Agrivoltaic systems are a series of solar panels that coexist with crops, livestock, or both, such as having panel arrays on top of greenhouses, or among the fields, elevated to still allow for agricultural purposes. Interested in learning more? Please contact chris@syncrous.com

AUGUST 4, 2024 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: Special Intentions for Fr. John Moineau by Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Divine Mercy: In Memory of Margaret DeLaney By Family

St. Peregrine Candle: In Memory of Timothy Soisson by Family

Easter Flame Candle: In Memory of Mihalko Family by Family

St. Joseph's Candle: Month's Mind

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

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU!

THIS SUNDAY AND NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

August 4, 2024- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary

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Exodus	16:2-4, 12-15
Ephesians	4:17, 20-24
John	6:24-35

August 11, 2024- Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time 19:4-8 1 Kings Ephesians 4:30-5:2 John 6:41-51



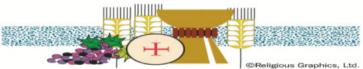
Please pray for tall of our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light

shine upon them.



Homebound Ministry

If you know of any family, neighbors, or fellow parishioners who are homebound and would like to have a Homebound Homebound Minister bring them Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office



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 please email Susan Cheplic at skcheplic@dioceseofgreensburg.org to register for Baptism Preparation.

Confession

Tuesday 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. & Saturday 9-10 a.m. (except for the first Saturday of the month)

Divine Mercy

Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday through Friday at 3:00 pm in the church.

Please note: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has changed their Saturday Confession Times from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ADORATION EVERY TUESDAY AFTER 7:45 AM



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

PASTOR'S NOTES

We Become the Bread of Life for Others

After being fed the bread and fish abundantly provided by Jesus in our gospel from last week, it is natural that the crowd would look for Jesus. What they were not prepared for was that the bread Jesus offers is so much more than food that satisfies their immediate hunger; the food that Jesus offers satisfies the hunger for eternal life. Jesus is trying to help the crowd who has followed him to Capernaum make a shift in their understanding of him. He is trying to help them move from human expectations and satisfaction to believing in and embracing what "endures for eternal life." This was no easy shift for the crowd to make, nor is it an easy shift for us.

Seeing the manna on the ground, the Israelite community asks, "What is this?" Moses answers that this is the bread God has given them to eat. At the heart of their questioning of Jesus in the gospel, the crowd is really asking, "Who is this?" Jesus answers, "I am the bread of life" sent by God. The nourishment God sends us now is not a perishable substance but the very person of Jesus. Moreover, this Bread "endures for eternal life," and so long as we encounter Jesus among us, we will "never hunger," "never thirst." This bread promises more than all the perishable bread in the world. The bread Jesus offers is "bread from heaven," a share in the fullness of life that only our encounters with Jesus can bring.

What we need to receive Eucharist fruitfully is a personal relationship with Jesus. This "bread from heaven" is ultimately a person, Jesus Christ. If Jesus is the bread from heaven given for us and we are the Body of Christ, then we must conclude that we ourselves are to be bread from heaven that fosters eternal life for others. As God has "set his seal" on Jesus, so through baptism and confirmation has God "set his seal" on us. Jesus gives himself as bread from heaven; we give ourselves to others as bread from heaven when we live our baptismal commitment by doing the ordinary things of every day as Jesus would – with care, compassion, love, generosity, patience.

The very person of Jesus is everything for which we long. Jesus is the deep well of what's beyond our immediate satisfaction, the deep well that brings us face to face with our longing and dissatisfaction. Just as the crowd followed Jesus across the lake, looking for him to satisfy them, so must we follow Jesus as faithful disciples. We both look for him in our everyday lives – in the people and circumstances around us – as well as faithfully bring that divine presence to others. The bread God offers us is the abiding presence of Jesus among us; always reaching out to satisfy us with what is imperishable, what endures forever: eternal life!

100th Year Anniversary of Immaculate Conception's Church Building

We will celebrate with a Mass on **August 18, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. (there will NOT be 11:30 a.m. Mass that day) followed by a light reception in Our Lady's Plaza. All are welcome!





We have a new Regional Director of Youth Ministry that has joined our Faith Formation Program and will be working with Susan Cheplic. She will be focused on programs 7th through 12th grade. Please welcome Katelyn Waterhouse to our Parish!

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Queen of Angels Catholic School – We are currently looking to fill our substitute teacher list for the school year 2024-2025. 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 <u>jfilak@queenofangelssch.org</u>. She can also be reached in the school office at 724-978-0144.



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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 4, 2024 - 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

Glory and Praise to Our God



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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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 78 Paul French

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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

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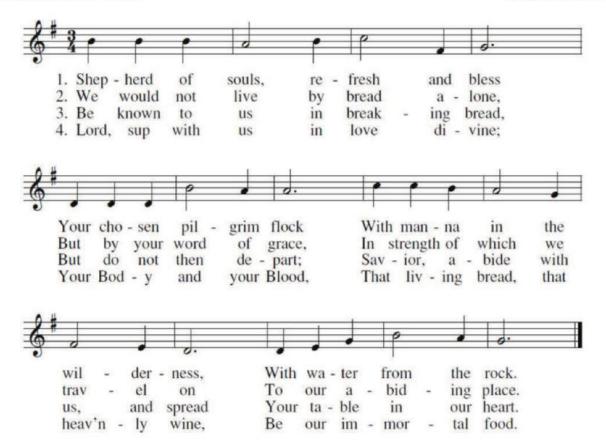
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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

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Shepherd of Souls



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EUCHARISTIC ACCLMATIONS

Jubilation Mass James Chepponis



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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh



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