



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. Harold Frazier (Emily)
4:30 p.m. Special Intentions for the McCarthy Family (Family)

Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for All IC Staff (Friend)
10:00 a.m. Margaret & Alfred Egnot (Paula)
11:30 a.m. Special Intention for Bob & Mary Rodgers 50th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, September 23, 2024

7:45 a.m. Manning, Frances & White Families (Toots)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Confessions
6:30 p.m. Paul Dirling (Anna Marie & Carmela Tempero)

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

7:45 a.m. Joseph Perri (Family)

Thursday, September 26, 2024

7:45 a.m. Helen & Joe Belzer (Son)

Friday, September 27, 2024

No Mass at IC. Mass at Seton 8:30 a.m

Saturday, September 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. Ron Beatty (IMG)
4:30 p.m. John Mutschler (Patrice & Marci Joe)

Sunday, September 29, 2024

8:00 a.m. Irene Brooks (Nancy Dupier)
10:00 a.m. Carole Bilesmo (Daughter)
11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Stecko (Ann Dole)

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Parish Office: 724-863-9550

Parish Office Hours:
Mon. Sept. 23 & Tues. Sept. 24 - 8 am to 1 pm
Weds. Sept. 25 - CLOSED
Thurs. Sept 26 & Fri. Sept 27 - 8 am to 1 pm

HAPPENINGS ON THE CORNER & AROUND THE DIOCESE

IC & Seton's Daily Mass Schedule SEPT. 30 - Oct. 5

There will ONLY be Mass at the church listed:

Mon. Sept. 30 - 7:45 am Mass at IC

Tues. Oct. 1 - 8:30 am Mass at Seton

Adoration at IC will be from 9:30 am - 6:15 pm

Confessions at IC will be 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm

6:30 pm Mass at IC

Weds. Oct. 2 - 7:45 am Mass at IC

Thurs. Oct. 3 - 8:30 am Mass at Seton

Friday Oct. 4 - 7:45 am Mass at IC

Sat. Oct. 5 - 8:30 am Mass at Seton



The Season of Creation

The St. Barbara's Creation Care Team is hosting a screening of "The Letter", a film by the Laudato Si Movement, featuring Pope Francis and five leaders from around the world

representing the voices of the poor, the Indigenous people, the youth, and the wildlife of our planet. The screening will take place on

Wednesday, September 25th, at 6:00PM in St. Barbara's Faith Formation Center.

Light refreshments will be served. If attending, please email Dave Wasil at davew99@yahoo.com, or Chris Peta at chris@syncrous.com

Next weekend is the *Seminarian and Clergy Formation Collection*. Please prayerfully consider supporting our Seminarians, men preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our Clergy and our International Priests. You may respond with the tear-off portion of the letter that you received last week, the envelope in your parish packet, or online at Dioceseofgreensburg.org/SCFC. Also, please remember the clergy of our diocese who have *Hearts for the Mission* in your prayers.

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - will have their monthly meeting on Monday September 23, 2024, at Resurrection Hall at St Agnes. 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 at 724-864-3487 or email a.borgony@comcast.net, or you can check out our website at kofc.org and join online.

IMMACULATA MEN'S GROUP (IMG) & IMMACULATA WOMEN'S GROUP (IWG)

Our next sessions will be next Saturday, September 28th for the men's group (IMG) and next Sunday, September 29th for the women's group (IWG) at 6:30 am in Our Lady's Plaza. In this fourth session of the fall semester, we will continue with Season 4 of "The Chosen". All are welcome!



THE POWER TO CHANGE & SAVE LIVES

October is respect Life Month. The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild are collecting funds for the pregnancy support centers of Alternative.Yes Ministries. Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on Oct. 5 & 6. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your spare change and return the bottle to church by October 20. Your help will make an impact on the lives of mothers and infants in need.

Step 1: Take a Bottle

Step 2: Fill it with Change, Cash or Check made out to Alternatives.Yes

Step 3: Return the bottle at church
Donations benefit the pregnancy support centers of Alternatives.Yes Ministries. For more information visit their website at www.altyes.org or contact Andrea at apritts@altyes.org if you have any questions. Also you can donate by using the QR code.



ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, Oct. 6 from 2:00 p.m.3:00p.m.

We meet at the Irwin playground parking lot and stand for one hour of silent prayer along Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin. All are invited to stay afterward for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Join us in an hour of prayer to help put an end to abortion.

If you have any questions, call Ray Takacs at 724-689-5681.

PASTOR'S NOTES

What is the Will of God?

How very hard it is to understand the will of God. So often in life we think we have things so figured out, we don't leave any room for the Will of God. In life we "decide" what should or should not be, and we spend so much time defending and trying to change things to mold with our wants and desires, again leaving no room whatsoever for God's will!

Just as hard as it is to understand the will of God, it is just as hard sometimes figuring out our own motives in life. What does motivate us? Nobody wants to "stand" alone in this world, we all seek out companionship. We want people to view life the way we do. In the book of wisdom for this week, we can see how the "unjust" plot against the righteous ones, trying to win them over to their side. How quickly we can find ourselves guilty of the exact same thing. Every time we gossip about another, we are trying to get others to see and accept our point of view. If we look honestly it is this kind of behavior we see every day in life. Doesn't matter what has to be done to win over the righteous – lying, cheating, casting dispersions and even ruining someone's reputation. Way too often in life we don't see how our words and actions can hurt people. Again, where is the will of God?

Saint James in the second reading reminds us "where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice." It is the Wisdom that comes from above that is first of all pure. It is the Wisdom from above that is peaceful, gentle and compliant with no insincerity. So, where do wars and conflicts come from in life? They come from within the human heart when we forget what it means to be the "righteous" one in this world.

In our Gospel for this week, we find Jesus traveling through Galilee in the northern part of the Holy Land. Along this Journey Jesus tries to get his disciples to understand that he must suffer and die. However, they fail to understand what it is he is trying to convey to them. They wanted things to work out the way they thought it should, having no thought about the will of God. They were more concerned about their own importance and positions in life, they were redefining reality to meet their agendas. Again how often in life are we guilty of the exact same thing. We spend so much time redefining reality to mean what we want it to, we miss out on the reality that is right in front of us. The disciples were embodying the ambitions, righteousness and evil that Wisdom and James talk about. The problem for Jesus was, before they could even begin to understand about his death and resurrection, they needed to rid themselves of the wickedness that was permeating their souls

In order to accomplish that, Jesus sat them down and reminded them about the necessity for a gentle spirit and a kind heart. Telling them there was no room for power or dissension in their lives if they wanted to be a follower of His. To make his point, Jesus took a small child and put the child in their midst reminding them that they needed to become like children if they were ever to be a part of God's plan. They needed to surrender their "grownup" need for power and control. They needed to embrace the gentle spirit of Jesus making that a part of their hearts. Only when we are able to do that will we be able to see the will of God.

This week, we should take a good look at our lives and recognize just how like those disciples we are in life. Just as Jesus reminded them to become open, honest and sincere as a child, so too must we become before the will of God can be real for us in life.

- *Father Mike*

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Anthony & Theresa Sciulli (Family)

Divine Mercy:

In Memory of Judy Salesi (Family)

St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intention for Fr. John Moineau (Divine Mercy Prayer Group)

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Joe Blazer (Wife)

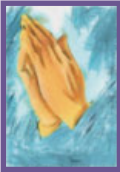
St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Patrick Newcomer (Family)

Altar Candles for the Month of September:

In Memory of Jack & Helen Smith (Family)

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of your loved one, please call the parish office. We will be glad to help you. 724-863-9550



Please pray for the family of Corey Korinko and all of our faithful departed. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16 4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

What is Formed?

Formed is a streaming platform that has a wide variety of Catholic movies, Bible Studies, speakers, and audio books. You can log on through your computer, Or download apps on your phone, Roku, Amazon Firestick, or Apple TV!

Our parish has a parish subscription, so all of this is available to each and every parishioner for free! All you have to do is sign up and you are ready to start watching and continuing your faith journey!

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. Enter your parish zip code or select
3. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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.



Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm. When we are before the Blessed Sacrament, let us open our heart; our good God will open His.

Sunday Offertory
September 15 - \$12,483.79

Online Giving
Sept. 9 - Sept. 15- \$5,032.45

Thank you for your generosity!

Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving.

- Scan QR Code on the new Pew Cards or QR Code below.
- Click Create a new account.
- Create an ID and password.
- Allow 2 minutes to complete the process.



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

ANGELS CORNER—QUEEN OF ANGEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“Queen of Angels Catholic School”
“Pot of Gold”

Lottery Calendar - REQUESTED NUMBERS

2025 brings us another great “Pot of Gold” Lottery Calendar and 365 chances of winning! Proceeds from this major fundraising event are a valuable source of income for Queen of Angels. Calendars are \$30 each and run from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. 365 prizes totaling over \$13,000 and ranging from \$25 to \$200 are available. The three digit daily number of the PA Lottery 7:00 PM drawing (excludes Double Draw second drawings) will determine the winner.

Last year we sold all 1,000 calendars and raised \$11,000!! This year’s goal is to sell all 1,000 calendars again. The success of this annual fundraiser is a direct result of your commitment and dedication. Our lottery calendars make wonderful gifts for the holidays; it’s never too early to shop. Support our school and give a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year!

If you would like to request a special number, please note that on the bottom of this form. These requests will be filled on a first come first served basis. **Any questions, please contact Ruth Ann Noblick, Calendar Coordinator, at rnoblick@queenofangelssch.org. 724-978-0144** Please note, all winners must be 18 years of age or older. **Please return all requests to the school before Friday, September 27, 2024,** after that date the numbers will become available for general sales/distribution.

Lottery Calendar requested number – return to school **before Friday, September 27, 2024**
Queen of Angels Catholic School
c/o Mrs. Noblick - Lottery Calendars
One Main Street North Huntingdon, PA 15642

Family Name _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

I would like to request the following numbers for lottery calendars. I understand that these requests are filled on a first come first serve basis

____ I do not have a preference of numbers
please send me _____ calendars

Signature _____



Queen of Angels Catholic School

Get your smiles ready for school pictures on Thursday September 26th! All PK 3 & 4, Kindergarten and Grades 1-8 students will be photographed by Inter-State Studio and Publishing Company.

**Queen of Angels Raffle Tickets on sale
after Masses this weekend
September 21 & 22.**

A vertical poster with a warm orange and yellow background decorated with autumn leaves and pumpkins. At the top is a large orange pumpkin with green leaves. Below it, the text "Harvest BLESSINGS" is written in a cursive font, with "BLESSINGS" in a bold, blocky font. Underneath, the word "RAFFLE" is written in very large, bold, red block letters. Below that, the text "DRAWING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST & BENEFITS QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL" is written in red. At the bottom, "WINNER RECEIVES:" is written in red, followed by a list of prizes: "• PACK OF \$30 LOTTERY TICKETS", "• PACK OF \$20 LOTTERY TICKETS", and "• \$1,000 CASH".

**Harvest
BLESSINGS
RAFFLE**

**DRAWING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST & BENEFITS
QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

WINNER RECEIVES:

- PACK OF \$30 LOTTERY TICKETS
- PACK OF \$20 LOTTERY TICKETS
- \$1,000 CASH

Queen of Angels Catholic School - Custodian

Queen of Angels Catholic School seeks a part-time custodian for afternoon cleaning. Must be detail oriented. Responsibilities include sanitizing classrooms and school facilities. Experience preferred; training provided. Interested candidates should have up-to-date clearances and submit a cover letter and resume to jfilak@queenofangelssch.org

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton & Immaculate Conception Parishes

Come join us for a night of fun with good friends and great food!

CASH BASH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Immaculate Conception
CASH BASH
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
Mack Hall ~ 200 Leger Road, North Huntingdon
Doors open at 5:00 p.m. ~ Food served 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Only 250 seats available – first come, first served

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 #497 and #531
Donation: \$30.00 per person

12 chances to win cash prizes – two numbers per ticket

Tickets will be sold after all Masses starting weekend of September 28/29 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 412-877-9566 or lanselmino924@gmail.com



We need VOLUNTEERS to make this event successful.

You can email Courtney Ruby at cruby@dioceceofgreensburg.org. or

Lori Anselmino at lanselmino924@gmail.com

Can't work but would like to help? Consider donating a basket for the Raffle Basket Auction.

We will also accept gift cards and/or lottery tickets, and we will make the basket for you.



Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary



The New Campus!

After much anticipation, St. Charles Seminary opened in its new home this semester. While there is some sadness in leaving our historic campus, our new facilities are wonderful! The mailing address for Tyler and Ryan is **1400 Evans Rd. Ambler, Pa 19002.**



SEPTEMBER 2024 BURGER BASH SUMMARY

Burger Bash Season Diamond Sponsors:

Immaculate Conception Christian Mothers / Women's Guild

September's Business Sponsors:

Platinum Sponsors: Ott Funeral Home & Comprehensive Assurance

Bronze Sponsor: New Crescent Brewing Co.

September Hot Dog Club - \$500.00

Thank you to everyone who supported September's Burger Bash.

Our Total Profit for September's Burger Bash is: \$3,648.46

October Sponsors

Dr. Carla Capozzi Orthodontics

Lanyi Insurance Agency

Gift Basket World

Thank you to Scozio Bakery our bun sponsor since 2006!

Thank you to everyone who donated cases of water!

Mark your calendars last burger bash of the season October 14!

In honor of the 100th Anniversary of the building this weekend, we have transcribed and reprinted the article from the Republican Standard and Westmoreland journal that ran on Friday, September 19th, 1924

The Republican Standard and Westmoreland Journal

Irwin, Pennsylvania, Friday, September 19th, 1924

New Catholic Church to Be Dedicated on Sunday

The solemn dedication of the Immaculate Conception Church of which Rev. Edward D. Murphy is pastor, and Rev. Henry Connolley, assistant pastor, will be conducted Sunday morning by Rt. Rev. Hugh C. Boyle, D. D., assisted by a number of visiting priests.

The congregation is busily engaged this week in cleaning up the interior of their church and will have everything in readiness for the formal dedication and for the large audience of church members and their friends who expect to attend the services. Admission will be by ticket which can be procured at the Parish Rectory.

V. Rev. Thomas Walsh of St. Richard's Church, Pittsburgh, will be the celebrant of the Solemn Mass. Rev. Thomas Rea of McKeesport will be Deacon; Rev. Michael McBurney of Finleyville the Subdeacon; Rev. M. A. McGarey of Wilmerding will be Master of Ceremonies; Deacons of honor to the R. Rev. Bishop will be Rev. P. O'Connor of McKeesport and Rev. B. P. Kenna of Uniontown. The V. Rev. P. K. Collins, the Dean of Butler county, a noted orator and prominent priest of Pittsburgh Diocese, will deliver the sermon.

The program for the dedication mass is as follows; Mass in honor of St. Dominic, Jos. Greg Zangl; Kyrie; Gloria; Credo; Offertory, Redemptor Mundi Deus, by Mozart, sung by Mr. Peter Fairish; Sanctus; Benedictus; Agnus Dei; O Salutaris; Tantum Ergo; Holy God; Faith of Our Fathers.

The following is the personnel of the choir: Director, Peter Fairish; Organist, Margaret Keenan; Tenors: Matthew Klasson, Jos. Donegan, Jas. Shea; Dan F. Shea, John Quinlan; Wilbur Farron, Vin Hensler. Bass: Peter Fairish, T. D. Hensler, John Donegan, Wm. J. Winkenbaugh, Herman Pfeiffer, Wm. Fairish.

The dedication of their new church will mark the culmination of the dreams of the members of the Immaculate Conception Church of Irwin, which stands as a memorial to Father Murphy and the able assistance given him by the members of his congregation. The church is a beautiful architectural sight to behold, both from an exterior and an interior viewpoint, and is a credit to the community in which it is erected.

Constructed of Beaver county stone, the church proper is built of this material and the interior walls are entirely of red brick exposed to view. The floors of the sanctuary, place of baptism and aisles of the church are terrazzo with marble mosaic borders. The floors of the church proper are T.M.B.

One of the really beautiful features of the interior construction is the ceiling effect—the supporting members of the roof, trusses, purlins and rafters being all exposed to view. All the windows of the church and the Stations of the Cross are the gifts of the individual members of the Parish. The three marble altars were imported from the Carrera hills of Italy at a cost of \$12,000.00. The mensa, or altar slab, covers the whole of the altar table and is cut from a single piece of the choicest of white marble.

The altars, tabernacle, sanctuary lamp, in fact all furniture and furnishings, including various fixtures, lamps, and other articles, were especially designed for the building by the architect, Carlton Strong. The only exception to this was the Baptistry which was designed by James McDonald of Irwin and donated to the church by him at a cost of \$2,000.00. The design of this font is very beautiful. It was imported from Italy; carved from that noted Carrara marble and is surmounted by a golden dome of Cathedral architecture. The donors of the Baptistry Font, first observed this beautiful piece of art in the Cathedral of Louisville, Ky., and were so much impressed with its beauty that they did not hesitate to present a duplicated to the new church together with all its furnishings.

The inscription on the base reads; "Presented by James. A McDonald and his wife Amelia Bell, 1924."

The bowl is a hexagon and the following figures are carved thereon in bas-relief; St. John baptizing the Savior, The Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Ann, St. Augustine, and St. Patrick.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, 1923, the first earth was turned by Father Murphy for the new church. The corner stone was duly laid on Sunday, September 9th by Monsignor Kittell of Latrobe, assisted by many priests of the Diocese. The sermon on this occasion was preached by Rev. Thomas Walsh of St. Richards Church, Pittsburgh

The new church has a seating capacity of 700 which can be increased to 900 when necessary. Five entrances will permit the church to be emptied quickly. The main entrance is located at the front and there are two entrances at each side, one pair near the front and the others near the rear of the church. The choir will be located in the choir loft in the balcony at the rear of the church. The church is heated by steam, the heating plant being located in the basement of the church.

The cost of the church complete was \$126,000 and of this amount only a debt of \$14,000 remains. The non-Catholics of Irwin were most generous to Father Murphy, having contributed over \$5,000.00. One individual who did not want his name mentioned, gave \$500 for the front window of the church which is erected to the mothers of the boys who died in the late war.

The general contractors for the new edifice are Blair & Mack. Other contractors are Matthew Runt plumbing, Jerome Runt electrical work, and Horace DeAngeles concrete work. The church committee which has had much to do with the arrangements for the new building consists of Thomas. D. Hensler, Sr., P. B. Hensler, Sr., Daniel Coyle, James Lundy, Alex McClain, William Filtz and John Shea.

The local parish was established April 10, 1867 and plans were soon formulated for the erection of the church which has served the local parish for over a half century. The cornerstone of the old church was laid on May 20, 1868 and the church was dedicated on August 15, 1869.

The first resident pastor was Rev. Michael Murphy who came here from Pittsburgh, October 15, 1871. He resigned on March 4, 1889 after 18 years service and died in Ireland on November 2, 1889.

The second pastor was Rev. William Graham who came to Irwin on March 10, 1889 and left on May 18, 1891 to take charge of Holy Family Parish, Latrobe.

The third resident pastor was Rev. James J. McDonnell, a near relative of Cardinal Mundelin of Chicago who always spent his vacation days whilst a student in St. Vincent's College, at Irwin in the Parochial Rectory. Father McDonnell died in Irwin on March 18, 1898.

The fourth resident pastor was Rev. Thomas McEnrue who came to Irwin on April 21, 1898 and died after a service of twelve years on February 26, 1910. The present pastor came here April 27, 1910 and during his fourteen years of faithful service has brought the membership up to 200 families of approximately 1000 souls.

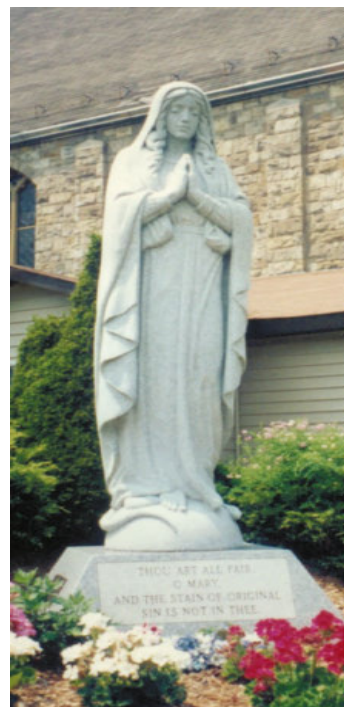
The last church services to be held in the old church will be the regular masses at eight and nine o'clock on Sunday morning. At ten o'clock the dedication Mass service will be held in the new structure. The old church will be converted into a hall for social gatherings and the present hall on the second floor of the parochial school building will be converted into four class rooms and will be ready for the opening of the 1925-26 term starting next September.

What would it cost today?

	1924 Cost	2024 Cost
Front Window	\$500	\$8,865
Baptistry	\$2,000	\$35,462
Donations by Non-Catholics	\$5,000	\$88,655
Marble altars	\$12,000	\$212,772
Total Church Cost	\$126,000	\$2,234,104



Church exterior from Oak and Second, 1968

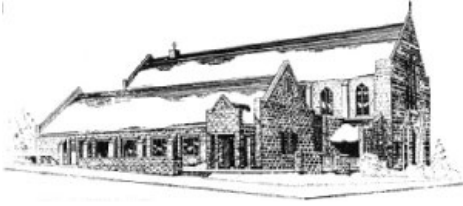


O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on our parish as we implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive our prayers as we present them to God.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
Irwin, Pennsylvania
Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 22, 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

The Church of Christ in Every Age



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by
2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, The vic - tims
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing
4. For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -



change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its her - it -
of in - jus - tice cry For shel - ter and for bread to
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -
fe - ver in our blood, And teach us how to share our
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with - out re -



age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.
eat, And nev - er live un - til they die.
fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
bread And feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth

peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12; 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 54 Michel Guimont

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your

covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask.. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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

The Servant Song



1., 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en



Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may
We are trav - 'lers on the road; We are here to
In the night - time of your fear; I will hold my
When you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your
We shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've



have the grace to Let you be my ser - vant, too.
help each oth - er Walk the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world for by your

Cross and Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10; Revelation 21:23; John 12:46; 1 John 1:5; Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934
 Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 with refrain; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934
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RECESSIONAL HYMN


Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice Bore the
 2. Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; Still the
 3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till your
 4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice Forth in
 weight of hu - man need, Who did on the Cross for -
 hun - gry cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for
 love's re - veal - ing light, Till the height and depth and
 your great name we go, To the child, the youth, the
 sak - en, Show us mer - cy's per - fect deed; We, your
 free - dom; Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O
 great - ness Dawns up - on our hu - man sight: Mak - ing
 a - ged, Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and
 ser - vants, bring the wor - ship Not of
 Lord, your deep com - pas - sion Healed the
 known the needs and bur - dens Your com -
 health, good - will and com - fort, Coun - sel,
 voice a - lone, but heart: Con - se - crat - ing to your
 sick and freed the soul, Use the love your Spir - it
 pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring us to faith - ful
 aid, and peace we give That your chil - dren, Lord, in
 pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
 serv - ice, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
 free - dom, May your mer - cy know and live.

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