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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

AUGUST 17, 2025 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 16, 2025

8:00 a.m. Francine Kresicki (Trish & Pete)

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Pagnanelli Family (Patty & John)

Sunday, August 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Priscilla Volpe (Family)

11:30 a.m. Thomas Chonko (Friends)

Monday, August 18, 2025

7:45 a.m. Kathleen & Larry Meinen (Friends & Neighbors)

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

7:45 a.m. Robert Kroeger (Wife)

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

6:30 p.m. Irene Brooks (Barb)

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

7:45 a.m. Ellen Donnelly (Kathleen)

Thursday, August 21, 2025

7:45 a.m. Rocco Morra (Jackie)

Friday, August 22, 2025

7:45 a.m. Brian Felentzer (Maureen)

Saturday, August 23, 2025

8:00 a.m. Al, Mary Kay, Mary Lou Lynn (Family)

4:30 p.m. Mary & George Stewart (Barb Burgert)

Sunday, August 24, 2025

8:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Dorazio and Davidovich Families (Steve & Ruthann)

11:30 a.m. Susan Haywood (Petach Family)

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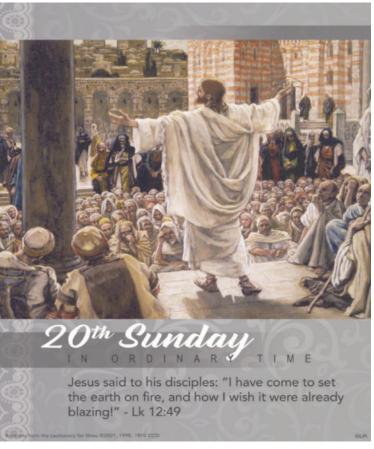
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Parish Office Hours: 8 am to 3 pm

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Spiritual Practice of giving the Lord my first preference:

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division."

The Holy Spirit comes to change us and convert us to the Will of the Father. Hearing today's Gospel, in that understanding, gives meaning to the word division. This division is between God's Will and our fallen nature. We certainly see this division between the spirit of the culture and the teachings of the Church, and this has been true since Christ walked the earth. The Lord Jesus did not come to affirm all that human beings were doing, or are doing today. He came to save them and us from our sins. We pray for help with this when we ask for God's Will to be done every time we pray an Our Father prayer. Saint Paul teaches us that our earthly desires are directly opposed to the Will of God, but this doesn't mean that holiness is not possible for us on Earth. Obviously, the church has produced many great Saints, and we too are called to that same holiness.

So, what's a tangible recipe for holiness? The Lord must increase in my life, and I (my earthly preferences) must decrease a little every day. But how do we do this? We grow in holiness first by the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation and the reception of the most Holy Eucharist at Mass. After that, we grow in holiness through the habit of little daily sacrifices. What kind of sacrifices? Prayer is a great little daily sacrifice because it requires the denial of my earthly will to embrace the ultimate good—time with God. Ok, I pray daily, what else? Another common practice is to offer to the Lord my first preference for something when I have a choice and go with my second choice instead of my first. You can give that small gift of your first choice to the Lord, and it's a good spiritual discipline! Don't let yourself think the small things don't matter. If I cannot master the small things, no big accomplishments in the spiritual life will ever follow. Big things build upon the foundation of small holy habits. Saint Therese of Lisieux, a Doctor of the Church, taught us this principle quite well (To focus on the little things with great love). Ok, how about providing an example for this second preference spiritual practice! --Sure!

Start at the store. The next time you are shopping and find two similar options for a thing, see if you can offer to the Lord your first preference, pass it up, and go with your second choice of a similar thing! If you can make this a habit where applicable, you will have an excellent small daily habit of sacrifice even if it's only once per day. Name it to the Lord prayerfully when you do it. You can also name an intention: Lord I offer this sacrifice of my first preference for the healing of _______. (Just like we do in verbal intercessory prayer)

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Sondria Gordan (Family)

Divine Mercy:

Special Intentions for Immaculate Conception Parishioners

St. Peregrine Candle:

Special Intentions for Father John Moineau

Easter Flame Candle:

In Memory of Mihalko Family (Family)

St. Joseph's Candle:

In Memory of Deceased Members of Donnelly Family (Kathleen)

Altar Candles for the Month of August:

In Memory of Liddie Blank (Family)

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

Please pray for Mary Ann Allshouse and all our faithful departed that the purgative love of Jesus Christ will make them perfect in heaven as they look forward to the resurrection of the body.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.

You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven.

Fill me with love and concern

for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.

Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Pray for me now and at the end of my death. Amen.

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass.

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 on Tuesdays after 7:45 am Mass & continuing until 6:15 pm.

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Christian Mothers/
Women's Guild general
membership meeting is in
Our Lady's Plaza Tuesday
August 19th after 6:30 pm Mass.



Christian Mothers/Women's Guild new member registration forms will be available after all Masses August 16th & 17th and August 23rd & 24th. Please considering joining!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Due to our Faith Formation Kick off Mass on Tuesday August 26th Adoration will be after 7:45 am Mass until 4:30 p.m. Confessions will be from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Fall Penance Service Immaculate Conception Parish will have a fall penance service on Tuesday September 9th, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CEMETERY ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 AT 8:00 AM

Please bring a chair. If it rains Mass will be at Immaculate Conception Church

Knights of Columbus St Jude Council 9019 - will have their monthly meeting on Monday August 18, 2025, at the renovated 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.



Parish Picnic Volunteers

We would like to have our parish picnic on Saturday September 27th after 4:30 pm Mass. We need volunteers!

If you are interested in volunteering on September 27th please sign up on list in back of church OR email tdefelice@dioceseofgreensburg.org
To volunteer you must have up-to-date clearances on file at IC parish office.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUPS

Two Grief Share groups are available:

Wednesday evenings Grief Share support group will be held at Immaculate Conception in the Children's Liturgy Room on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. beginning August 20, 2025 Contact Gerri Dornin at gdornin@comcast.net to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."

Thursday afternoons Grief Share support group will be held at St. Agnes in the Bertolina Room in the Faith Formation Center (Old Convent), Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 2:30 p.m. Contact Audrey Quinlan at audreyquinlan@comcast.net to register or for additional information. You are welcome to start attending at any point, as each session is "self-contained."



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Registration for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd faith formation at IC for Level I (preschool/kindergarten age), Level II and Level III is occurring at this time.

There will be a parent meeting/open house on Monday, August 18th at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in enrolling your child and learning more about this faith formation program. The meeting will be held in

Room 6 on the 2nd floor of the Parish Administration/Faith Formation building.

If there are any questions about this program or any adults who are willing to assist during the sessions, please contact Stephanie Scavnicky at 412-818-9730. Thank you.



Forming Future Priests

Immaculate Conception Parish has two seminarians studying for the priesthood: Tyler Randolph and Ryan Scavnicky. When you support the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, you are helping to fund their formation! Pray for our future priests and commit your support because it truly is *A Time to Share*.

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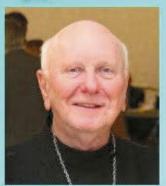
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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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Fall Dates (First Saturdays)

- September 6th
- · October 4th
- November 1st

For more information email bdeveney@dioceseofgreesnburg.org



Diocesan Clearances are required for all volunteer opportunities.



All students in 7th grade please start your Sacrament of Confirmation preparation and faith formation by registering now. There is a Faith Formation Welcome Mass & Parent Meeting on August 26, 2025. We will celebrate mass together, then remain in the chapel for an information meeting, and the there is an ice cream treat in Our Lady's Plaza. See you then!

Students in 8th grade, if you have not attended a parent meeting, or received a red folder please contact Katelyn Waterhouse: KWaterhouse@dicoeseofgreensburg.org

If you have not yet registered, please follow with QR code. Thank you!



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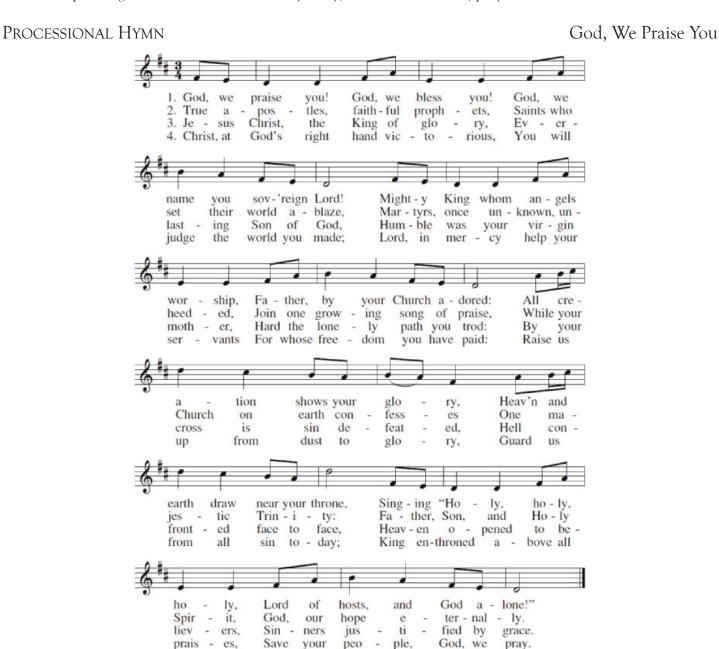
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 17, 2025 - 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.





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Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:1-4

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Ieremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40

Michel Guimont

Lord, come to my aid! Lord, come to my aid! Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

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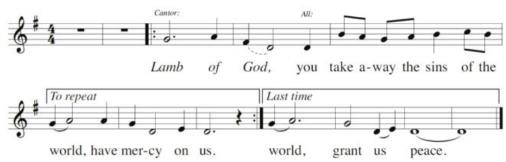
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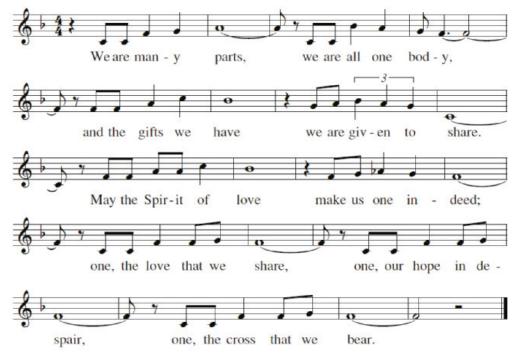
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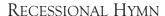


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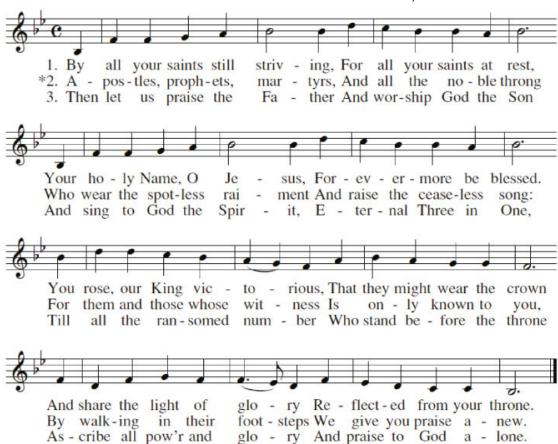




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