



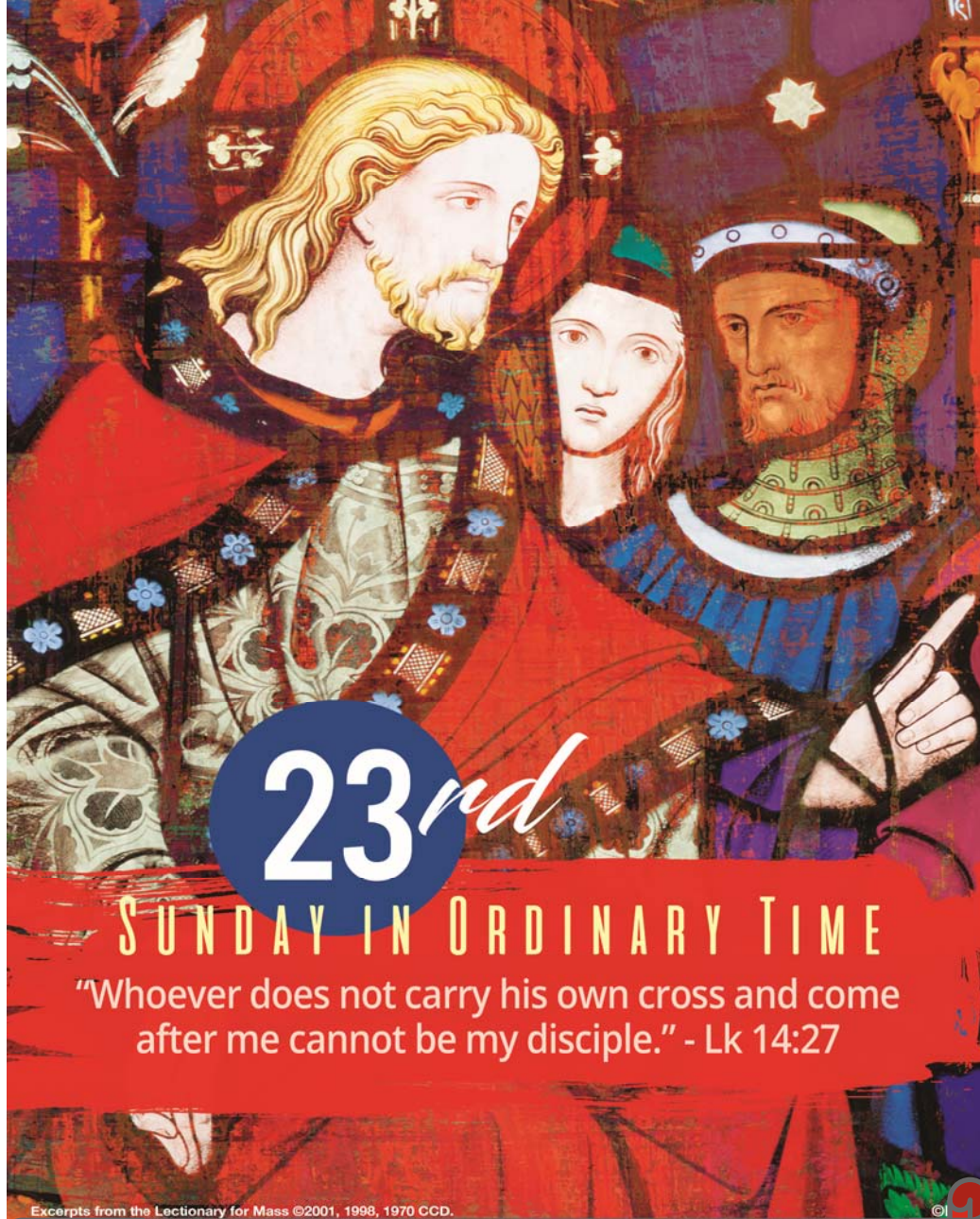
Immaculate Conception

September 7 & 8, 2018

4671 Townline Road, Ransomville, New York 14131

www.icransomville.org

716-731-4822



23rd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Our Parish Mission Statement

"Immaculate Conception parish is a warm and caring Roman Catholic faith community where all of God's people are welcome. We strive to bring Christ to all people through spiritually and uplifting liturgies, ministry, service and outreach."

Parish Staff:

- Rev. James Bastian (ext. 102)
- Dcn. Paul Stankiewicz
- Deacon Emeritus
- Mrs. Mary Zastrow (ext. 101), Secretary
- Mrs. Laurie Muth (ext. 103), Pastoral Associate
- Mrs. Megan Tocha (ext. 108), Faith Formation Coordinator
- Karli Leggett, Bulletin (ext. 106)
- Mr. Marc Mosher, Maintenance

Safe Environment Coordinator
Miss Cynthia Curione, volunteer

RCIA Coordinator:
Donna Kelsch

Trustees: Claire Curione, Kiersten Ryndak

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday 6:00 - 6:25 p.m.
By appointment: 716-731-4822

Communion/Prayer Service
Schedule:
Tuesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule:
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Adoration:
Adoration in Chapel every Friday
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Ministry to the Sick:
Home visitations are available for all parishioners who are confined to their homes because of any illness or other infirmity. Call 731-4822 to make arrangements.

Outreach Program - Primary
Contacts:
Mrs. Nancy Mosher 310-4902

AI-Anon:
Meetings take place on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Nelson Baker room.

Narcotics Anonymous: meets every
Monday 7:30pm-9:30pm

FORMED.org Code: X7RQGP
Email:
icransomville@yahoo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 7	4:00 pm	In memory of William T. Mcquay req. by Daughter Amy
Sunday	September 8	8:30 am	In memory of William Doty & Jeff Wassell req. by Louise Doty & Family
		11:00 am	In memory of Matthew Marin req. by Marin Family
Monday	September 9	9:00am	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioners
Tuesday	September 10	9:00 am	Prayer/Communion Service
Wednesday	September 11	6:30 pm	In memory of Francis Mahar req. by Wife Maryann Mahar
Thursday	September 12	9:00 am	In memory of Father's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	September 13	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	September 14	4:00 pm	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Friends of the Barrick Family
Sunday	September 15	8:30 am	In memory of Katie Messier req. by Uncle & Aunt Pat & Fran DiLaura
		11:00 am	In memory of Rev. Lynn M. Shumway req. by IC Parishioners

Do you know about Formed.org?

- Formed is a free service that is provided by our Parish. Formed has a large library of Catholic resources.
- There are series to watch or listen to, movies, audiobooks, and much more for free! There is content available for adults and children.
- Formed can be accessed by going to their website www.formed.org or by downloading their free app.
- Formed now has a market section where you can purchase different content.
- To register go to their website and enter our Parish code: **X7RQGP**.



DIGGING DEEPER

September 8, 2019

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, *really* following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device — "*his own cross*" — and for the need even to "*hate*" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes. "*Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?*" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments — our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "*This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!*" For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA RESPITE CARE

Respite Care Begins on Thursday Sept. 12

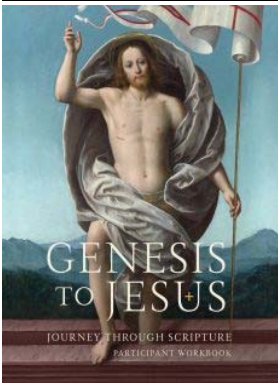
Immaculate Conception is now offering a respite care program for caregivers of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or a form of dementia. This program is being offered **free of charge** to our parishioners and our local community and is scheduled to begin on **Thursday, September 12 from 10am to 2pm**. For details and registration information, contact Laurie Muth at 731-4822 or lmuth@icransomville.org.

Bulletin request forms are available on the website, in the Parish office, or on the Narthex bulletin board. Questions or Concerns contact Karli Leggett: Telephone- 716-731-4822 (ext. 106), email- bulletin@icransomville.org

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	September 7-	Colossians 1:21-23; Psalm 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Luke 6:1-5
Sun.	September 8-	Wisdom 9:13-18b; Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33
Mon.	September 9-	Colossians 1:24-2:3 ; Psalm 62:6-7, 9; Luke 6:6-11
Tues.	September 10-	Colossians 2:6-15; Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-1; Luke 6:12-19
Wed.	September 11-	Colossians 3:1-11; Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Luke 6:20-26
Thurs.	September 12-	Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 6:27-38
Fri.	September 13-	1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14; Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 1; Luke 6:39-42
Sat.	September 14-	Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17
Sun.	September 15-	Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-32

UPCOMING FALL BIBLE STUDY



**Fall Bible Study:
Genesis to Jesus**

A scripture study of our Heavenly Father's faithfulness from the beginning of creation through His Son's ultimate loving sacrifice on the Cross. A six week presentation offered

on: Wednesday evenings after Mass and Friday mornings at 10:00am. Also offered on Sundays between the Masses in a longer 12 week presentation to fit the allowable time. Sundays are free and open to all. The Bible Study start dates are Wednesday October 2nd, Friday October 4th, and Sunday October 6th. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Any questions contact Judy Heppner at 574-0028.

CARITAS SOCIETY

Upcoming Caritas Events

- 1.) The Caritas Society invites all members of the Parish to join them for weekly bowling on Tuesdays at 10:00am at the Lewiston Event Center beginning on Tuesday, September 17th. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.
- 2.) The September Caritas Society Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19th at 12pm at Gordie Harper's Restaurant, 3333 Transit Road, Newfane. We will be ordering off the menu. All are welcome. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Join the fight for Alzheimer's first survivor. Walk to end Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 5th at Artpark, 450 S 4th Street, in Lewiston. Registration begins at 9am, and the walk begins at 10:15am. Go to alz.org/WNY for more information.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...



Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Basket Auction, 50/50 Raffle

Kitchen open for food purchases

Start your holiday shopping early!



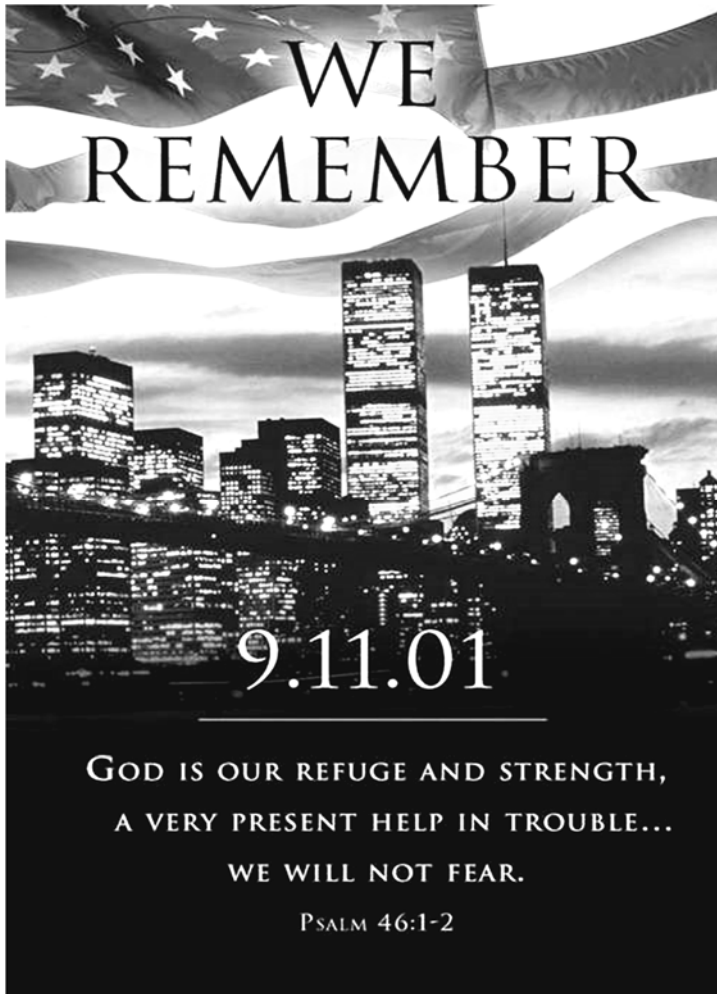
Classes Now Forming

Attention Parents There is a parent meeting Sun, September 22nd at 9:45 in the hall.

Returning Families: Look for your registration in the mail. **First year students and new families:** Please call the office to have a registration form mailed to you or visit our website.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 29th from 9:45am– 10:45am.

9/11 WE REMEMBER



CRAFT FAIR DONATIONS

Donations of gift baskets are being gratefully accepted for the Craft fair on Saturday Sept. 21st. Please put donations in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room. Donations of finger desserts are also being gratefully accepted and can be brought in on craft fair day.

IC IMPACT



Do you know about IC Impact Youth Group?

IC Impact is a youth group for teens in grades 8-12. We are here to have fun, pray, and eat in the presence of God. We meet on **Wednesdays**,

6:30-9pm to share in fellowship with each other. We encourage all youth of the parish to join us (bring a friend, too)! We have a lot of fun activities for the fall, including service projects, scavenger hunts, a teens-only Halloween party, and the Corn Maize! If this sounds fun to you, come check us out at any of our meetings or events! Our upcoming meetings are:
September 11th
September 18th
September 25th

Contact Dave Mineo at (716) 201-1416 or email Karen Kummer icimpactyouthgroup@gmail.com with any questions.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR AUGUST 31 & 1, 2019

Offertory Collection.....	\$2,777.00
Online Giving	\$565.44
Renovation Fund	\$472.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	\$5.00
Priest's Retirement Fund.....	\$5.00

*On-line giving is available through our website.
Safe. Easy. Convenient.*

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- MON. September 9— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm**
- WED. September 11— Liturgy Committee Mtg 7:00PM**
- WED. September 11— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30PM**
- THURS. September 12— Alzheimer's Respite 10:00-2:00PM**
- THURS. September 12— Knitting Group 1:00PM**
- FRI. September 13— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00-4:00PM**
- SAT. September 14— Holy Name Society 8:30-12:00PM**
- SAT. September 14— St. Kolbe Movie Night 5:00PM**
- SAT. /SUN. September 14 & 15— Anointings After All Masses**
- MON. September 16— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm**
- TUES. September 17— Caritas Bowling 10:00am Lewiston Event Center**
- WED. September 18— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30PM**
- THURS. September 19— Caritas Luncheon 12:00pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, Edward Barraclough, Christine Blagus, Marilyn Brinson, Devin Burns, Jason Busey, Dr. MaryAnn Bishara, Zoraida Case, Nancy Conti, Janice DePlato, Justin DePlato, Lauren Devin, Ron Dobrasz, Louise Doty, Lisa Eimer, Jim & Edith Faery, Diane Fallgotter, Faye Finley, Debbie Foe, Joan Freeland, Joseph Giuseppetti, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Nurice James, Norbert Kaleta, Kathleen & Gregory Klaes, Cathy Keane, Donna Keener, Marilyn Kankolenski, Carol Koppmann, Angela Lissen, Lynn Maggioli, Amy Marcin, Rosa Margevich, Steven Marshall, Timothy McCann, Christopher McGillion, Donovan Miller, Renee Morrison, John Moudy, Pat Mussall, Debbie Nolan, Leo Notaro, Heather Nugent, Wendy Osucha, Nancy Palmieri, Jennifer Retzinger, Ruth Schuler, Noah Shelvay, Donald Sinclair, Christopher Speanburg, Andrew Stack, Deacon Paul Stankiewicz, Bruce Stauff, Diane Stillinger, Diane Taylor, Gerald Thomason, Sharon Trentini, Jan Turnball, Ginger Uticone, Kim Vallaincourt, Roberta Walker, Gerry Wick, Mark Zastrow

Prayers for our Military Personnel



Lance Corporal Andrew Farmer, Petty Officer 3rd Class Hospitalman James Farmer, Captain Kevin Farmer, 2nd Lieutenant William Farmer, E4 SPC Tyler Fleming, E7 SFC Timothy Fleming, 2nd Lieutenant Philip Joseph Giovannini, Major Heather Heppner, Specialist Riley Johnston, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto, MSGT Christopher Zastrow



CHRIST THE KING APPEAL

Responding in Faith

Faith is the foundation upon which we build a life of service to God and others. Go to www.cks.edu to read about how our newest diocesan priests and seminary alumni responded to God's call in their lives and are now well prepared to go forth and serve our community. **Next weekend our parish will hold our annual collection to benefit the students at Christ the King Seminary during all the Masses.** There are many people ready to answer the call to ministry to meet the needs of our local church. Please help them to do so by giving what you feel called to give and remembering the students at Christ the King Seminary in your prayers. For more information about our seminary's mission or programs, or to give online visit www.cks.edu.

MOVIE NIGHT SEPT. 14TH



Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz Movie Night

Movie night on Saturday, September 14th following the 4pm Mass. There will be a light dinner provided followed by the Maximillian Saint of Auschwitz movie. This is a recording of the live performance, which depicts the holy life of St. Maximillian Kolbe.



"Many of you have heard me refer to St. Maximillian Kolbe during my homilies these past few weeks. His story has really impacted me. I highly recommend this movie!"
- Fr. Jim

40 DAYS FOR LIFE-RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE



You are invited to join the "40 Days For Life" Fall Campaign, the largest Pro-Life mobilization in history, bringing together record numbers of prayer volunteers across all 50 states and all around the world to pray, fast and publicly stand for Life!

Since the inception of our Buffalo campaign in 2007, many babies (and their families) have been spared the tragedy of abortion because of the faithful prayer and fasting of more than 500 local volunteers.

Please consider performing a spiritual work of mercy by sacrificing one hour or more of your time at our peaceful, prayerful and lawful vigil in front of the Buffalo Women Services facility at 2500 Main Street, in Buffalo, NY. Organize a parish group to participate if you can. The campaign will run from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily from **September 25 through November 3**. Visit 40daysforlife.com/buffalo to sign-up for vigil hours. Please spread the word and encourage others to join this Life-saving campaign. Sign up today! All are welcome!

IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

- **Sign Language Classes** offered at Resurrection R.C. Church beginning on Monday September 9th from 6:00-7:30pm. The classes cost \$30. To register or for more information call Sister Concetta LoPresti, OSF at 601-887.
- **Magnificat, A Ministry of Catholic Women** presents guest speaker Susan Piarunas Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9:45am-12:10pm. Advanced registration by September 5th is \$20. For more info call Maureen 683-2290.
- **Fall Fun Fest** on Friday, September 20 at 5:30pm at St. Raphael R.C. Parish Hall, 1018 College Ave., Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$25 which includes raffle ticket, pasta & meatball dinner, beverages, and desserts. Call 282-5583 for tickets.
- **Annual Rosary Crusade for World Peace** Sunday, September 22 at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine 1023 Swann Rd., Lewiston. There will be a Rosary Procession, Coronation, Blessing of Children, and Benediction.
- **Retrouvaille** provides marriage help. The next weekend is September 27-29th. For confidential information or to register for the weekend visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230
- **Immaculata Home** Harvest Dinner Dance fundraiser Saturday September 28th at 6:00pm at All Saints Hall, 76 Church Street Lockport. Tickets are \$25 to purchase tickets call 716-727-0003 or go to www.brownpapertickets.com.
- **Oktoberfest** Sunday, September 29 4-8pm at St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church 157 Cleveland Dr., Cheektowaga. Tickets are \$5 and include popcorn, pretzels, and music. Call 759-6454 ext. 200 for tickets.
- **Public Rosary** on the 13th of each month starting at 6pm at St. Mary of the Cataract 259 4th Street, Niagara Falls
- **The Stella Niagara Center of Renewal** Retreat and Conference Center located in Lewiston. Has many opportunities for weekend long and day retreats. For more information visit www.stellaniagararetreats.org. Cost varies for each retreat or excursion. To register call 754-7376.