



Immaculate Conception

November 2 & 3, 2019



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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 Contact:
 Mrs. Nancy Mosher 310-4902

Al-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

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31st Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	November 2	4:00 pm	For the Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society req. by Rosary Altar Society
Sunday	November 3	8:30 am	In memory of Maria Dominguez req.by Daughter Zoraida Case
		11:00 am	In memory of Lionel Barrick req. by Friends of the Barrick Family
Monday	November 4	9:00 am	In memory of Ron Kurek req. by Wife Barb & Family
Tuesday	November 5	9:00 am	Prayer/Communion Service
Wednesday	November 6	6:30 pm	In memory of Deceased Loved Ones req. by Parishioner
Thursday	November 7	9:00 am	In memory of Mother's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Friday	November 8	9:00 am	Communion Service/ Prayer/ Adoration
Saturday	November 9	4:00 pm	In memory of Ronald Zitzka req. by Wife Jan
Sunday	November 10	8:30 am	In memory of Living & Deceased Antoncich & Zastrow Families req.by Mary Zastrow
		11:00 am	In memory of Florence Walker req. by Jan Zitzka

A MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE- PRAY FOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Catholic teaching regarding praying for the dead is connected with scripture, tradition and the doctrine of the *communion of saints*, which is part of the Creed.

As Catholics, we believe those who have died are separated from us physically, though spiritually they remain connected to us. Death does not sever the bonds of communion. Catholic tradition holds that when a person dies; if they are in a state of grace – they will enter heaven; if they reject God; they enter hell; and if throughout their lives they showed by works of charity and/or profession of belief in God; though they are not be in a state of grace; they enter *Purgatory*.

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 is a great resource for catechesis. There is content for any age and any level of knowledge.
- To register go to their website and enter our Parish code: **X7RQGP**.

DIGGING DEEPER

November 3rd, 2019 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "*Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was.*" We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"*Come down quickly,*" Jesus says, "*for today I must stay at your house.*" If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"*The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.*" We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today. LPi

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. November 2- Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Romans 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Sun. November 3- Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
 Mon. November 4- Romans 11:29-36; Psalm 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Luke 14:12-14
 Tues. November 5- Romans 12:5-16b; Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Luke 14:15-24
 Wed. November 6- Romans 13:8-10; Psalm 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Luke 14:25-33
 Thurs. November 7- Romans 14:7-12; Psalm 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Luke 15:1-10
 Fri. November 8- Romans 15:14-21; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Luke 16:1-8
 Sat. November 9- Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22
Sun. November 10- 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Rosary Altar Society Meeting

The Rosary Altar Society invites all women of the Parish to their next meeting on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30pm.

Layette Bake Sale

The Rosary Altar Society will be conducting a Bake Sale after all weekend Masses on November 16th & 17th. Proceeds to benefit LAYETTES for those in need at Niagara Falls Memorial and Mt. St. Mary's. Baked goods donations may be brought before each Mass.

FOOD PANTRY/CARE GIVERS

It's that time of the year

This is the time of year when we need to replenish our food pantry for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Donations of frozen turkeys can be left in the kitchen freezer.

If you or someone you know are in need, please contact the parish office. All information is confidential. Place items in bin near the Sacristy. **As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

Also, Jan Zitzka has decided to retire from the food pantry ministry. Anyone who would like to join this ministry is welcome! Jan will assist in the transition process for the upcoming holidays.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY HOSTING VETERANS BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 10

Thank you to all our Veterans for your service to our country!

The Rosary Altar Society extends an invitation to all veterans and their families to a breakfast in your honor on Sunday, November 10th from 9:30 until 11:00am. All parishioners are welcome to come to honor our Veterans and show our gratitude for all they have done to protect the values we hold dear in our country and to protect our rights to live as God has ordained. There is NO cost for anyone; a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Your name and the number attending is all we need. Thank you and God Bless.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS



Stocking for Soldiers 2019

Our Parish will again be sending stockings to our active duty military stationed overseas. There is a list of suggestions on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please have items in by November 10th, there is a collection bin near the sacristy.

The stockings will be stuffed on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm, volunteers are needed!



VOCATION CROSS



Vocation Cross

We are in need of people to commit to taking the Vocation Cross home for a week to pray for vocations, and especially for an increase in religious vocations including the Priesthood, the Diaconate, and Consecrated Religious life. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. There are now Vocation Crosses in each Religious Education classroom. Father Jim will be speaking to each Religious Education Class about the new classroom Vocation Crosses.

This provides an excellent opportunity for families to pray for Vocations at home and teaches our children to appreciate the value of all vocations.

ST. NICHOLAS FAMILY EVENT

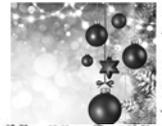
Save the Date:

**Friday, December 6th after 6:30pm Mass
in the Father Nuwer Hall**



Oh Holy Night

All Parish Families are invited to a St. Nicholas Feast Day Family Event on Friday, December 6th after 6:30pm Mass. This event includes Christmas cookie frosting, Advent Bingo, crafts, and more. Join us to celebrate St. Nicholas's feast day and the Advent season together as a Parish Family! More information to come, stay tuned!



CARITAS SOCIETY

November Luncheon

The Caritas Society invites all members of the Parish to their November Luncheon on Thursday, the 21st at Solidays Restaurant at noon. We will be ordering off the menu. Sign up on the bulletin board.

RESPIRE CARE MINISTRY

Respite Care Ministry

This is a 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, November 14 from 10am to 2pm**. For details and registration information, contact Laurie Muth at 731-4822 or lmuth@icransomville.org.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH INCOME FOR OCTOBER 26 & 27, 2019

Offertory Collection.....	\$4,253.78
Online Giving	\$548.69
Renovation Fund	\$57.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$25.00
Children	\$1.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Marilynn, Carolin Adamson, Jeff Antoncich, 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, Larry Harris, Justin Healey, Haven Hiller, Nicole Hiller, Nurice James, Norbert Kaleta, Kathleen & Gregory Klaes, Cathy Kean, 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 Turnbull, Ginger Uticone, Kim Vallaincourt, Roberta Walker, Gerry Wick, Mark Zastrow

PARISH ACTIVITIES

- MON. November 4— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM**
- TUES. November 5— Caritas Bowling 10:00AM** Lewiston Event Center
- TUES. November 5— Rosary Altar Society Meeting 6:30PM**
- WED. November 6— IC Impact Leader Mtg 6:30PM**
- WED. November 6— Bible Study 7:15PM**
- THURS. November 7— Knitting Group 1:00PM**
- FRI. November 8— Eucharistic Adoration 10:00-4:00PM**
- FRI. November 8— Bible Study 10:00AM**
- SUN. November 10— No Religious Education**
- SUN. November 10— Veteran's Breakfast 9:30-11:00am**
- MON. November 11— Office Closed**
- MON. November 11— Narcotics Anonymous 7:30PM**
- TUES. November 12— Caritas Bowling 10:00AM** Lewiston Event Center
- WED. November 13— IC Impact Youth Group 6:30PM**
- WED. November 13— Stuffing Stockings after Mass**

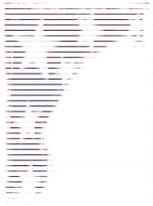
Prayers for our Military Personnel



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



ELECTION DAY IS THIS TUESDAY NOV. 5TH



As Catholic Christians we have a responsibility when voting, to consider our Faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church. As Catholics we have a moral obligation to promote the common good through the exercise of our voting privileges (CCC 2240). The United States conference of Catholic Bishops created a document called Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship. Listed below are 10 areas to consider when voting according to the USCCB.

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst—innocent unborn children—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies the supports they need to make a decision for life.
- Keep our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems—the millions of abortions that happen each year to deal with unwanted pregnancies, euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability, the destruction of human embryos in the name of research, the use of the death penalty to combat crime, and imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman and as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; and provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.
- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome poverty: ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair living wages, and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect prejudice, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of unjust discrimination.
- Encourage families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation, with full respect for individuals and groups and their right to address social needs in accord with their basic moral and religious convictions.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response for ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.



IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

- **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.
- **St. Jude Shrine of Lewiston**, 975 Ridge Road, is holding their annual Basket Auction, Craft, and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 9th from 10:00-4:00pm. A variety of theme baskets, mega baskets, unique crafts, holiday gifts, and delicious baked goods will be for sale. Come browse, shop, and enjoy the colorful leaf foliage in Lewiston.
- **Magnificat Special Event** at Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna on December 7. Registration begins at 6:30am, and the program begins with Mass at 7:30 and ends at 12:00pm. Guest Speaker is Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, internationally known author and vocations director of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. He will present a morning prayer and testimony on how the extraordinary love and mercy of Our Lord, through the persistence of Our Blessed Mother Mary rescued him from a life of sin. Advanced registration by November 29th cost is \$35. Call Maureen Wilson at 683-2290 for questions/concerns.
- **St. Gregory the Great MOMS Assisi/Rome Retreat** May 13-21, 2020. Visit Assisi, Rome, Loreto and much more. The retreat will allow you the opportunity to reconnect, rebuild, and reset your relationship with God, the Blessed Mother, the Saints, and the Catholic Church. Monsignor Zapfel from St. Leo's will be our spiritual director during the retreat. Our next gathering is Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30pm at St. Leo's in the Saint Monica Room. For more information contact Nadine Bargnes at 830-8530 or ngbargnes@aol.com. “Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” St. Francis of Assisi

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