



Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church

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October 17 & 18, 2020

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We're Here to Help:

Do you need to request a Mass intention? Do you have questions regarding planning a Baptism or wedding? Do you have a question that you would prefer to talk to a member of our staff in person? Call the Parish office to schedule an appointment with a member of our staff.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 5:45-6:15 p.m.
Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
By appointment: 716-731-4822

Mass Schedule:

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.

Adoration:

Adoration in the Church every
Wednesday
5:15-6:15 p.m.

RCIA Coordinator: Donna Kelsch

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Ryndak

Disability Advocate: Amy McQuay

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

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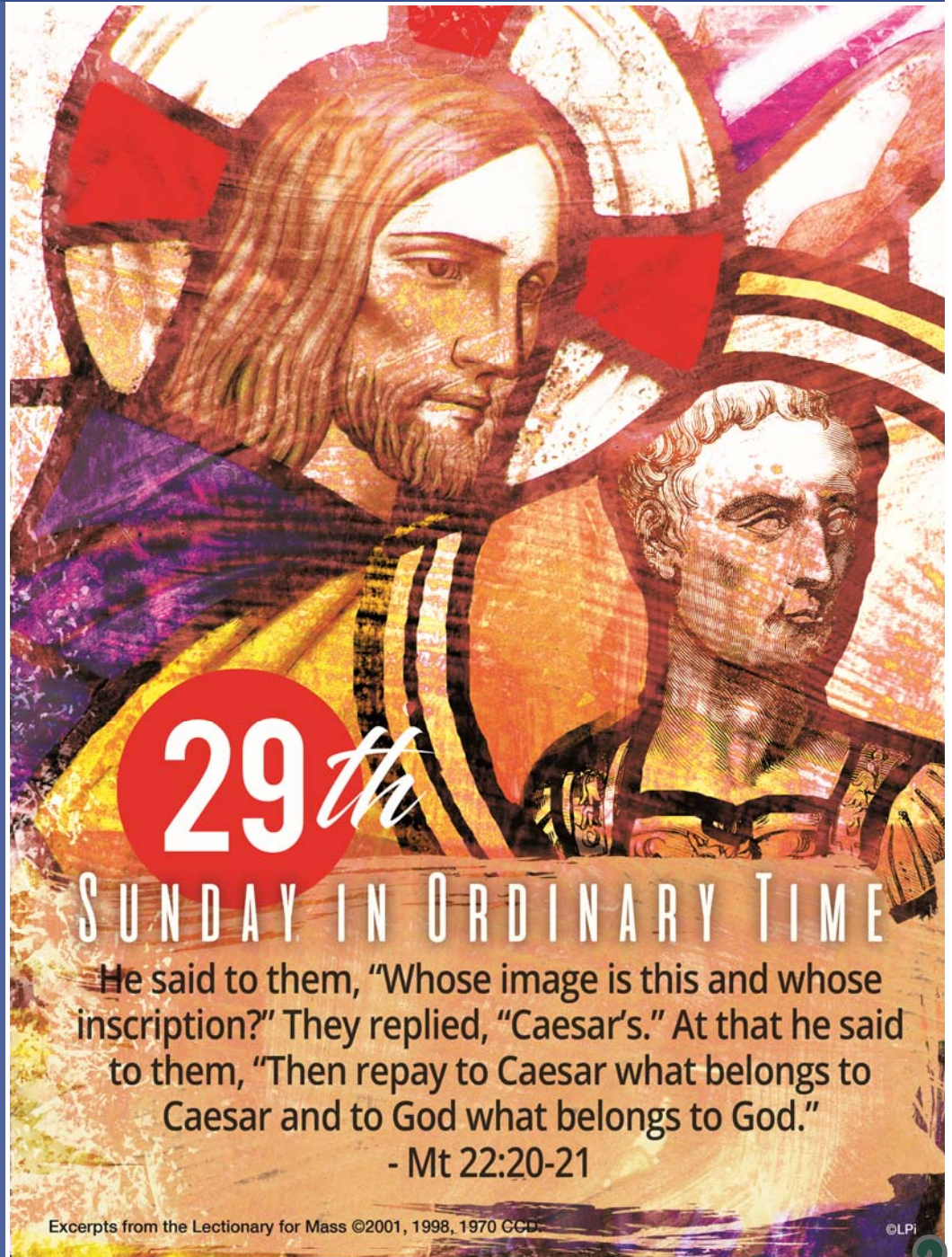
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Our Parish Mission Statement

"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	October 17	4:00 pm	In memory of Donald Gasper req. by Rosa Margevich In memory of Lee Minnie req. by Laurana Shanahan
Sunday	October 18	8:30 am 11:00 am	In memory of Lee Minnie req. by Fran Finnerty In memory of Dawn Schimschack req. by Dave & Jennifer DePonceau
Tuesday	October 20	6: 30 pm	In memory of Father's Living & Deceased req. by Parishioners
Wednesday	October 21	6: 30 pm	For the Wedding Anniversary of Steve & Laurie Leggett req. by Daughter Karli
Saturday	October 24	4:00 pm	In memory of Hugh & Margret Farrell req. by Paul & Irene Banks
Sunday	October 25	8:30 am 11:00 am	In memory of Alois & Victoria Lehner req. by Family In memory of Frank Kennedy req. by Love your Daughter Kathy Campbell

*If you would like to request a Mass please call the parish office and a member of our staff will be happy to help you.

GOSPEL DIGGING DEEPER

October 18, 2020- 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the monies generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people. Corruption really gets our goat, however. When we witness malfeasance, overspending, irresponsibility, and dishonesty in governmental spending, the grave injustices make an already unpleasant and arduous task even more difficult. The inappropriate distribution and use of hard-earned monies can leave a person quite angry and disconnected. It's bad enough the government wants something from me, now God does, too?

God is not concerned necessarily with our money, although its proper use does factor into our faith life. As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation, even the entire universe, is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. What speaks to God and has meaning and relevance to him? All of creation and indeed our very selves! God delights in us and when we present ourselves back to him, he delights even more! As the payment of secular taxes is designed to secure the equitable distribution of goods and services to all people, so is our return of ourselves to God in gratitude meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth.

When our exclusive and sincere allegiance is given to God, God can use us to set things right and straight again. The wounds of sin distort our relationship and disorder our world. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life for who He is and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions. In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are. Using, accumulating, wasting, exploiting, hoarding, and self-preservation are no longer necessary.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Prayer list for Military Personnel who are currently serving our Nation. Please fill out this slip to add your loved ones to the Prayer List. Also ask for their permission before submitting their name.

Rank: _____ Name: _____ 

Branch of Service: _____

(i.e. Lieutenant John Smith, United States Air Force Reserve)

Requestor: _____ Contact #: _____



Please submit this in the offering basket or call Parish Office



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sat.	October 17-	Ephesians 1:15-23; Psalm 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]; Luke 12:8-12
Sun.	October 18-	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21
Mon.	October 19-	Ephesians 2:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]; Luke 12:13-21
Tues.	October 20-	Ephesians 2:12-22; Psalm 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]; Luke 12:35-38
Wed.	October 21-	Ephesians 3:2-12; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]; Luke 12:39-48
Thurs.	October 22-	Ephesians 3:14-21; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]; Luke 12:49-53
Fri.	October 23-	Ephesians 4:1-6; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]; Luke 12:54-59
Sat.	October 24-	Ephesians 4:7-16; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]; Luke 13:1-9
Sun.	October 25-	Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-40

A MESSAGE REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS

A celebration of a particular Mass intention is among one of the many expressions of our Catholic tradition and piety.

Masses can be offered for a number of various intentions:

- ◆ For a deceased loved one, a family member, or a friend who has died, as well as on the anniversary of the death of the deceased;
- ◆ To invoke the Lord's special graces and blessings for a friend or loved one;
- ◆ To petition the Lord for the good health of someone ill or to pray for the successful surgery and speedy recovery;
- ◆ To ask the Lord's blessings for a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary;
- ◆ In thanksgiving for graces received by an individual.

In this commendable practice of devotion and piety, individuals provide an offering for particular Mass intention. In the Diocese of Buffalo, \$15 is the recommended offering per Mass intention. Anyone interested in offering a Mass for a loved one should contact the Parish office at **731-4822** and a member of our staff will be happy to help you.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Military Appreciation on Veterans Day Weekend Nov. 7/8

We would like to honor all our veterans this year on Veterans day weekend on November 7th & 8th. Please submit the names and branch of service to Judy Heppner at jbblueeyedwonder@gmail.com.

KEEP UP TO DATE— FOLLOW US



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Follow us on Instagram username:

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PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...



*Heather Barrick, Christian Vosburgh
Brown, Robert Grabka, Stephanie Hiem,
Amy Marcin, Donovan Miller, Mary
Ellen Schrack, Dan Stack, Roberta Walker*

*To add a name to the prayer list email by using the parish
app or call the parish office.*

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, Petty Office Third Class (AME 3) Garith Kam, TSgt Carly
 Mullins, Airman Apprentice Micah Prieto, Hospitalman Samuel Prieto

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SAT. & SUN. — A decade of the Rosary will be prayed before weekend Masses throughout October

SAT.	October 17— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
SAT.	October 17— Mass 4:00pm
SAT.	October 17— IC Young Adults Corn Maze Night 5:00pm
SUN.	October 18— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am
TUES.	October 20— Mass 6:30pm
WED.	October 21— Adoration 5:15-6:15pm
WED.	October 21— Confession 5:45-6:15pm
WED.	October 21— Mass 6:30pm
THURS.	October 22— Drive in Rosary 4:00pm
SAT. & SUN. Oct. 24 & 25— Anointings of the Sick after All Masses	
SAT.	October 24— Confessions 3:15-3:45pm
SAT.	October 24— Mass 4:00pm
SUN.	October 25— Mass 8:30 & 11:00am

UPCOMING IN THE PARISH:

BLESSING OF FIRE AND PASCHAL CANDLE OCT 31/ NOV 1

Blessing of Paschal Candle

All weekend Masses will begin with the Blessing of the Fire and the Paschal Candle. We will then process into the church as we carry with us the Light of Christ. Every parishioner will receive a blessed candle and a bottle of Holy Water

ALL SOULS DAY MASS OF REMENBRANCE

Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30pm

A special invitation is extended to all those who have lost a loved and would like to honor them at our annual All Soul's Day Mass. During this Mass, a litany of those who have died in the past 12 months will be read aloud. Any parishioner experiencing the loss of a loved one this past year (who was not a member of Immaculate Conception) and is planning to attend the Mass and wishes to have the name of the deceased announced should contact office at 731-4822 ext 108 or email: hmorgan@icransomville.org

GOD'S DIVINE MERCY WILL BE OUR FOCUS

At all Masses November 7 and 8

Divine Mercy Sunday (also known as the **Feast of the Divine Mercy**) is traditionally celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. Because we were unable to gather due to COVID-19 restrictions, all Masses on November 7/8 will have a special focus on the Catholic Devotion to the Divine Mercy.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH WILL BE HONORED



The Feast of Pentecost, *the birthday of the Church*, occurs fifty days after the celebration of Easter. Because we were unable to gather and acknowledge it due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a special focus on the work of the Holy Spirit at all Masses on **Nov 21/22 weekend**, including a recognition of the birthday of the Church.

WORKS OF MERCY

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Pray with us before Mass

The Rosary Altar Society will lead the congregation in one decade of the Holy Rosary a few minutes prior to the beginning of Masses throughout the month of October. We hope this simple change allows more to be present and pray together as a family of faith. Blessed Mother, pray for us!

Praying for our world

CEMETERY

Rosary Prayed at Cemetery



Join us on Saturday,
Nov 7 at 10am North
Ridge Cemetery

4210 Church Road, Ransomville

Join us in praying for our beloved deceased. Please meet in the cemetery. Rain or Shine. Dress warm and bring a chair if you'd be more comfortable.

This is a Rosary Altar Society Sponsored Event

Praying for the dead

FOOD PANTRY

Help us replenish the food pantry!

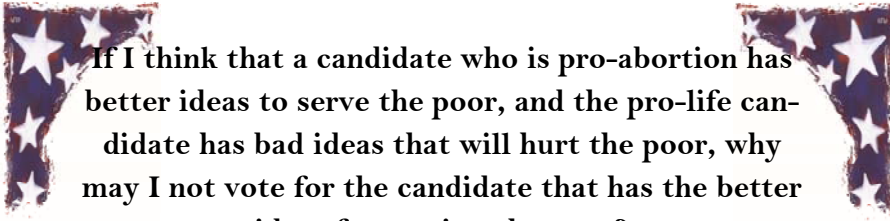
We are in need of food for our holiday baskets for the upcoming holidays. We need canned goods, turkeys, hams, and stuffing. If you know of a family in need, please contact Erica Brenner at ebrenner@icransomville.org or call the parish office. Please place items in the food pantry basket in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

Feeding the poor

Questions & Answers

Helping Catholics Vote! A weekly Q&A

Brought to you by Respect Life Committee



If I think that a candidate who is pro-abortion has better ideas to serve the poor, and the pro-life candidate has bad ideas that will hurt the poor, why may I not vote for the candidate that has the better ideas for serving the poor?

Answer: Serving the poor is not only admirable, but also obligatory for Catholics as an exercise of solidarity. Solidarity has to do with the sharing of both spiritual and material goods, and with what the Church calls the preferential option for the poor. This preference means that we have the duty to give priority to helping those most needful, both materially and spiritually. Beginning in the family, solidarity extends to every human association. When it comes to the matter of determining how social and economic policy can best serve the poor, there can be a legitimate variety of approaches proposed, and therefore legitimate disagreement among voters and candidates for office. Secondly, solidarity can never be at the price of embracing a “disqualifying issue.” Besides, when it comes to the unborn, abortion is a most grievous offense against solidarity, for the unborn are surely among society’s most needful. The right to life is a paramount issue because as Pope John Paul II says it is “the first right, on which all the others are based, and which cannot be recuperated once it is lost.” If a candidate for office refuses solidarity with the unborn, he has laid the ground for refusing solidarity with anyone. Edited from: EWTN A Guide to Catholic Teaching and Voting, and Voter’s Guide for Serious Catholics

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE



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!

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. The campaign will run from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Mon.-Fri. & 10am-4pm Sat. & Sun. from **September 23 through November 1**. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/buffalo> to sign-up for vigil hours or call Cathy Agugliaro at 946-0126. Please spread the word and to join this Life-saving campaign. Sign up today! All are welcome!

How can we show a deeper Respect for Life?

You may ask yourself “What can I do?” Here are a few things for you “to do” list:

- Be kind and polite to others, especially when there is a difference of opinion.
- If you are called to bring correction or instruction to another, do so humbly, honestly, calmly and clearly, to restore and encourage in righteousness.
- Fast and pray for many troubling situations in our country and world today
- Volunteer to pray with “40 Days for Life” at the abortion clinic on Main street (sign up on-line at “40 Days for Life; Find a life vigil)
- Pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the conversion of souls
- With the upcoming election, educate and continue to form your Catholic conscience (google, “voters Guide for Serious Catholics”)
- Donate to Charitable Causes including Catholic Charities to include assistance to Immigrants and Refugees (by appointment call 716-842-0270)
- Support expectant and struggling new Moms and Dads by referring them to pregnancy centers for support and assistance with their pregnancy:
 - St. Gianna Molla North at 842-2229
 - Summit Life Outreach 298-8600
 - Care Net at 434-1771
- Encourage healing and restoration to those who have had an abortion or been involved in an abortion.
 - Project Rachel at 847-221