

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call the parish office to schedule.

Sacrament of **Reconciliation** is available on Sundays & Thursday 5:10 pm to 5:24 pm

Sacrament of **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Please call the parish office for sacramental preparation.

Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Please call the parish office prior to setting your wedding date.

Bulletin information is due by Thursday before 6:00PM
Office is closed on Mondays

Weekday Mass

Thursday – 6:00 pm

Holy Hour 5:00 pm

Confession 5:15 pm

Sunday Obligation

Sunday 9:00 AM

Monday – Rosary 10:30 AM

Wednesday – Rosary 6:30 PM

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Mass Intentions:

October 23 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cletus Wessler

October 27 – Thursday – Dennis, Mary Ann & Tim Schwering

October 30 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jerry Diekhoff

October 31st-All Saints Day, Vigil Mass- Alfred Diekhoff

Liturgical Ministries

October 30th: 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Cross Bearer: Trevor Stone

Servers: Will Meyer, Campbell Johannigman

Ushers: Mark Hermesch, Mitch & Lori Nobbe

Lector: Mary Jo Wenning

Offertory Bread: Laura Meyer / Maria Meyer

Musicians: Mens Choir

Eucharistic Minister: Mark Stier

Counters: Josh Hornberger, Steve AmRhein

October 31st : All Saint's Day- Vigil

Cross Bearer: Jerry Fry

Servers: Andrew Stier, Trevor Stone

Ushers: Mark Stier, Tim Hoeing, Dave Stone

Lector: Kenny Stier

Offertory Bread: Cindy Hermesch/ Kate Bedel

Musicians:

Eucharistic Minister: Norbert Hoeing

Stewardship of Treasure: Our Sunday Collection:

Needed each weekend to meet Budget: \$2000

Sunday Envelopes : **\$ 1580.00**

Cash / Misc **\$ 397.00**

Total **\$ 1977.00**

Remember in Prayer: Jennie (Schutte) Patrick, Stephanie Harrison, Alvin Pfeifer, Benji Ortman, Dennis DiGiusto, Rylie Bennet, Amy Hermes, Drew Holzbauer, and Jane (Johannigman) Faulconer. In addition, please remember all those who grieve.

Mass Intentions: There are currently Mass intentions scheduled into 2024. However we can now accept Mass intentions for Thursday evening Mass. You can stop by the parish office or drop a note for your intentions in the collection basket. Mass intentions are \$10 ea.

All Saints Day: Is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate this Holy Day with a vigil Mass on Monday evening October 31st at 6:00 PM. We will commemorate the faithful departed of our parish (All Souls Day) at the Thursday, Nov 3rd, Holy Hour and Mass. Holy Hour is at 5:00 pm followed by Mass at 6:00 pm.

St. Mary School: Is sponsoring a Holiday Shopping Expo. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022. 8AM- 2PM. See flyer on the bulletin board.

New Office Hours: The Parish Office will be open the following hours:

(Monday – Office closed)

Tuesday – Father Binu 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Wednesday – 10:30 am – 2:30 pm

Thursday – Father Binu 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Friday - 9:00 am – 3:00 pm



Extract from Mission Sunday Message of Pope Francis.

“You shall be my witnesses” – The call of every Christian to bear witness to Christ.

This is the central point, the heart of Jesus’ teaching to the disciples, in view of their being sent forth into the world. The disciples are to be witnesses of Jesus, thanks to the grace of the Holy Spirit that they will receive. Wherever they go and in whatever place they find themselves. Christ was the first to be sent, as a “missionary” of the Father (cf. Jn 20:21), and as such, he is the Father’s “faithful witness” (cf. Rev 1:5).

In a similar way, every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.

A deeper look at the words, “You shall be my witnesses”, can clarify a few ever timely aspects of the mission Christ entrusted to the disciples. The plural form of the verb emphasizes the communitarian and ecclesial nature of the disciples’ missionary vocation. Each baptized person is called to mission, in the Church and by the mandate of the Church: consequently, mission is carried out together, not individually, in communion with the ecclesial community, and not on one’s own initiative. Even in cases where an individual in some very particular situation carries out the evangelizing mission alone, he must always do so in communion with the Church which commissioned him. As Saint Paul VI taught in the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, a document dear to my heart: “Evangelization is for no one an individual and isolated act; it is one that is deeply ecclesial. When the most obscure preacher, catechist or pastor in the most distant land preaches the Gospel, gathers his little community together or administers a sacrament, even alone, he is carrying out an ecclesial act, and his action is certainly attached to the evangelizing activity of the whole Church by institutional relationships, but also by profound invisible links in the order of grace. This presupposes that he acts not in virtue of a mission which he attributes to himself or by a personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name”

Indeed, it was no coincidence that the Lord Jesus sent his disciples out on mission in pairs; the witness of Christians to Christ is primarily communitarian in nature. Hence, in carrying out the mission, the presence of a community, regardless of its size, is of fundamental importance. In addition, the disciples are urged to live their personal lives in a missionary key: they are sent by Jesus to the world not only to carry out, but also and above all to live the mission entrusted to them; not only to bear witness, but also and above all to be witnesses of Christ. In the moving words of the Apostle Paul, “[we are] always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies” (2 Cor 4:10). The essence of the mission is to bear witness to Christ, that is, to his life, passion, death and resurrection for the love of the Father and of humanity.

Not by chance did the apostles look for Judas' replacement among those who, like themselves, had been witnesses of the Lord's resurrection (cf. Acts 1:21). Christ, indeed Christ risen from the dead, is the One to whom we must testify and whose life we must share. Missionaries of Christ are not sent to communicate themselves, to exhibit their persuasive qualities and abilities or their managerial skills. Instead, theirs is the supreme honor of presenting Christ in words and deeds, proclaiming to everyone the Good News of his salvation, as the first apostles did, with joy and boldness. Finally, when it comes to Christian witness, the observation of Saint Paul VI remains ever valid: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41). For this reason, the testimony of an authentic Christian life is fundamental for the transmission of the faith. On the other hand, the task of proclaiming Christ's person and the message is equally necessary. Indeed, Paul VI went on to say: "Preaching, the verbal proclamation of a message, is indeed always indispensable... The word remains ever relevant, especially when it is the bearer of the power of God. This is why Saint Paul's axiom, "Faith comes from what is heard" (Rom 10:17), also retains its relevance: it is the word that is heard which leads to belief".

In evangelization, then, the example of a Christian life and the proclamation of Christ are inseparable. One is at the service of the other. They are the two lungs with which any community must breathe, if it is to be missionary. This kind of complete, consistent and joyful witness to Christ will surely be a force of attraction also for the growth of the Church in the third millennium. I exhort everyone to take up once again the courage, frankness and parrhesía of the first Christians, in order to bear witness to Christ in word and deed in every area of life.