



IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We are a welcoming Catholic parish of faithful disciples of Jesus Christ that fosters love, deepens faith and encourages respect and caring for fellow parishioners and neighbors through community conversations and action.

Celebration of

Holy Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:30 a.m., Tuesday: 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

8:30 a.m., 7 p.m. or as announced

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays: 5:30-6 p.m.
Fridays: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass or by appointment

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays, following the 11 a.m. Mass and the second Saturday, following the 4 p.m. Mass. All first-time parents are asked to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. For class times, contact Sr. Ruth Hamel in the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Based on Diocesan guidelines, couples should contact the Parish Office at least twelve months in advance of the intended date. A marriage preparation program is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK & PASTORAL MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Call the Parish Office at (614) 267-9241.
Available at any time.

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Family of deceased should contact the Parish Office

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
4:00 p.m. Wes Walker †

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30
8:30 a.m. For the People
of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Estelle Sullivan †

MONDAY, JULY 6

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26
8:30 a.m. Holly Passmore †

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38
6:15 p.m. Eleanor Andres †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7
8:30 a.m. Leslie Kaminski †

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Mt 10:7-15
8:30 a.m. Mary VonVille †

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23
8:30 a.m. William Abdella †

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33
4:00 p.m. Mary Jane Domion †

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
8:30 a.m. For the People
of the Parish
11:00 a.m. Dorothy Manns †

† Deceased

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MEMORIAL MASS

Patricia (Spencer) Raphael
July 10, 1930 – March 14, 2020

From the family of Patty Raphael – “It is with extreme sadness and wonderful memories that we announce that Patty Raphael passed away peacefully Saturday, March 14, 2020. On Friday, July 10, 2020, we will celebrate her wonderful life and 90th birthday with a Memorial Mass here at Immaculate Conception at 2 p.m.

Carol Ann Bakle
January 2, 1942-April 27, 2020

Carol passed away on April 27, 2020 and had a private burial. A Memorial Mass for Carol will be celebrated on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. here at Immaculate Conception. All are welcome!



PARISH FESTIVAL

KENTUCKY DERBY VIEWING PARTY

4 P.M. | SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

Immaculate Conception will **not** be holding its Parish Festival on July 24-25, 2020. Please hold the date of Saturday, Sept. 5 for a Kentucky Derby Viewing Party.

More Details to Follow!

BISHOP BRENNAN GIVES DISPENSATION TO CATHOLICS

We are grateful that we have been able to return to the life of worship together. Join us in person, if you are able, but know that you are being prayed for if you are not. For those unable to be present at Mass, know that the dispensation from attendance has been granted by Bishop Brennan until September 13, 2020. It will be reviewed depending on the state of the Coronavirus situation.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead (a spiritual work of mercy). The greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. You can schedule a Mass intention for deceased friends and loved ones by calling the parish office at (614) 267-9241 or by turning in a written request. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10 each. Mass intentions can also be requested for special intentions.

JULY CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle. For the month of July, the three Sanctuary candles in the Church were donated by an **anonymous donor**. Our thanks go to this family for their generosity.

DONATIONS TO THE SANCTUARY LAMPS

Parishioners interested in making a contribution to a candle(s) for the Sanctuary Lamps in the Church, please contact Sue Beman at (614) 214-5333 or Beman_sue@yahoo.com to make arrangements. Contributors' names will be included in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested offering is \$25.00. The I.C. Women's Club thanks you for supporting this ministry.

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISHIONERS: We welcome new parishioners **Emily Comer and Jamie, Jonathon and Allyson Garcia** to Immaculate Conception parish. We invite and encourage you to join us as we pray, work and play together and hope that you find a welcoming and spiritual home here at Immaculate Conception.

EMERGENCY MESSAGING THE PARISH OFFICE AND FR. MATT

If your family is experiencing an emergency need (including illness or death) and needs assistance, it is imperative that you leave a message on the Sacramental Emergency line. When you call the parish office at (614) 267-9241 and hear the voicemail message, please press 1. Your message will reach the pastor or staff more quickly so they can respond in a timely manner.

YOUNG MEN, THE LORD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

Attention all Catholic young men entering 9th-12th grade. Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the Quo Vadis Retreat, spending time with other young men discerning God's call. Quo Vadis is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Columbus and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. Quo Vadis will be held July 26-July 29. The cost of the retreat is \$40. For more information or to register go to <https://faceforwardcolumbus.com/quo-vadis/> or contact Michael Haemmerle at columbusquovadis@gmail.com.

MUSIC AIDS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

As a precaution, hymnals in the church were removed from the pews to reduce the possible spread of the virus. Last weekend we began providing music aids for parishioners. The song sheets will be in a bulletin holder in the back of the church as you enter from the vestibule. Please take them with you as you leave.

REVISED PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to answer the phone and for appointments. If staff is away from the phone, or you need to call at other times, please leave a message and we will return your call. If it is a Pastoral/Sacramental emergency, please leave a message on the Sacramental Emergency Line (press 1). The Sacramental Emergency Line should be used if you or a family member are ill, or if a family member is dying or has died.

COMMUNICATING WITH PARISHIONERS AND THE COMMUNITY

The parish continues to communicate with parishioners through many mediums, which include electronic and paper bulletins, the parish website, Facebook and other forms of social media, and traditional mailings. By using these resources, we hope to reach as many parishioners as possible. We have begun using **Flocknote**, which is a text messaging email tool created for ministries, teams, churches and other community organizations. To communicate with Flocknote, we would need your email address. If you wish to receive this form of messaging and have not received any emails from the parish in recent months, please call the office or email icoffice@iccols.org to provide your email address.

FREE ISSUES OF THE JULY MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. With missals and songbooks now out of the church, these personal missalettes are very helpful. Complimentary copies of the July Magnificat are available in the parish office. You can sign up for a regular subscription or take advantage of a \$5 trial digital and/or paper subscriptions to the Magnificat by going to www.magnificat.com.

ICAA 30TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020

Place: Safari Golf Club, 4853 Powell Road, Powell, OH 43065

Time: All Tee Times are at 1p.m., Shotgun Start

Format: 4-person scramble

Cost: \$100 per golfer

Golf and sponsorship can be signed up for at this site: <https://birdease.com/ICAA30>.

Any questions or if you want to help out, please call or email Scott Leathley at scottleathley@wasserstrom.com - (614) 537-9654.

SEASONS OF HOPE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY RE-SUMES SESSIONS

Are you suffering the loss of a loved one? Are you looking for friends to share in your grief and healing? Please join us as we resume our Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry, sponsored by the North High Deanery. The sessions will take place via Zoom. The six sessions will run from 2-4 p.m., on July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, and 16. Anyone interested in attending **MUST** register in order to guarantee the security of all who participate in the Zoom group. To register, please call Karen Droll at (614) 582-8848. All are welcome to register at any time during this set of sessions!!

“

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

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TIME, TALENT & TREASURE

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020 • Offertory Report 6/28/2020

	6/28/2020	YTD 2019/2020
Recorded Envelopes/Checks	\$ 28,499.50	\$ 1,199,698.81
Loose Cash & Checks	\$ 119.00	\$ 25,260.29
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$ 28,618.50	\$ 1,224,959.10
Weekly Operating Expenses	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00
Weekly Overage (<i>Shortage</i>)	\$ 3,618.50	(\$ 75,040.90)
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Families Receiving Envelopes		1,029
Envelopes Received		84
Families on EFT		366

Manage your electronic contributions online! Visit www.iccols.org and click "Offertory & Stewardship" under the Giving menu. Thank you for your financial support of our Catholic faith here in our parish.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Pt 4:10

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE –

CHURCH OPEN FOR THE FAITHFUL! WELCOME BACK!

Immaculate Conception Parish's main church building is open for public worship and prayer on the following weekdays:

Monday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Thursday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday - 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

The weekend Mass schedule will remain as 4 p.m. Saturdays, and 8:30 a.m. (live streamed) and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

ADORATION HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

While the adoration chapel is closed, we encourage all regular adorers to attend your normal Holy Hour at the scheduled time, in your home or in the main church in front of the tabernacle. Please continue to pray for our world during this difficult time and for the end of racism in our country.

OFFERTORY DONATIONS

When attending Mass in church, please place your offering in one of the candle boxes in the four side chapels or the box in the Immaculate Conception chapel to the right of the Sanctuary.

Thanks to all who have been donating to the offertory collection by using online giving or in whatever form your donations are given. You can give many ways including your current or new EFT giving, ParishSOFT Giving (<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/imma414160>), mailing your donation to the parish office, or dropping it off in the secure slot at the front door of the office.

SCHOOL NEWS & ACTIVITIES

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Summer Hours for the School Office are as follows: The school office is closed in July and will reopen on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday - (9 a.m.-12 noon) during August until school reopens. Please contact the parish office for assistance.

SOCIAL CONCERNS HELPING IN TIME OF NEED

YWCA FAMILY DINNER, JULY 5 (IMMINENT) & JULY 17

The need to feed families does not go away, and with the Covid-19 crisis, the need is even more crucial. **To sign up for this Sunday, July 5** or July 17, 2020 dinner go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cod4ea5ad2aa57-donations>. Those who donate are to deliver donations directly to the shelter at 900 Harvey Court, Columbus, OH 43219. When you drop off donations at the YWCA directly, please call the front desk when you arrive at (614) 253-3910, ext. 3910, and a staff member will meet you at your car. To learn more about the YWCA Family Shelter or to donate funds for food, go to <https://www.ywvacolumbus.org/what-we-do/support-those-in-need/ywca-family-center/>.

IC ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Lawrence Haven, which operates out of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Rich St., is a ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and feeds 250-350 hungry people weekly, Monday through Thursday. For more than 10 years, the IC Society of St. Vincent de Paul has made 400 sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven on the 4th Monday of each month. Your help in continuing our tradition of feeding the hungry during the COVID-19 crisis has been crucial. Your financial donations to St. Vincent de Paul help us purchase the needed supplies of bread, cheese, bologna, condiments, sandwich bags and gloves. Thank you for your generosity.

OPEN SHELTER MINISTRY MEAL

The Open Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to Noon to serve the homeless. Due to COVID, we are donating hotdogs and buns, along with any donations, including fruit cups, desserts (like granola bars etc.) lunch size chip bags, etc. There is a big need for the to-go containers, lunch bags and bottled water. If you would like to donate anything or make a donation in lieu of donating, arrangements can be made for no-touch pick up. You can contact Cheryl Costello at (614) 774-8879 to make arrangements for pick up. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS:

<https://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/prayers-for-priests.html>

Prayer for Priests by St. Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen.

Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

July 2020

Immaculate Conception Church

Fr. Matthew Hoover

One Minute Meditations

St. Benedict of Nursia

Born to a wealthy Italian family, St. Benedict was educated in Rome during the barbarian invasions – a time of division, chaos, and failing morals. Dismayed at the rampant immorality of his peers, he fled Rome and lived as a hermit in the mountains. Attracted by his holiness, many people sought him out. St. Benedict went on to found twelve monasteries in Subiaco and the famous Monte Cassino, which became a center of holiness, learning, and culture.

Keep parish lights on

Whether or not your parish has gone back to public Mass, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Share your faith

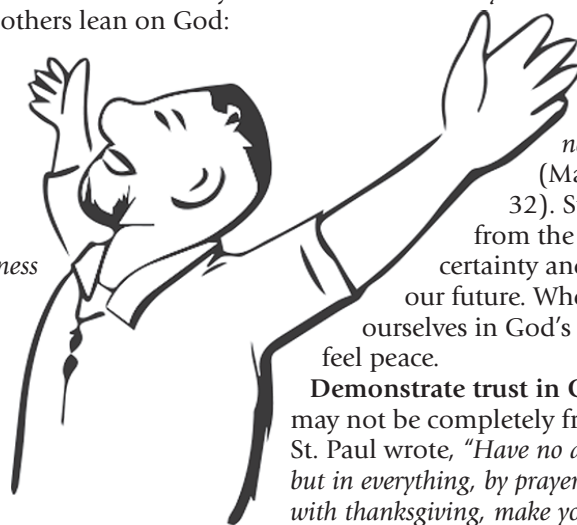
In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

Go deep into God's love. It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. "... *Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation*" (Psalm 100:5). Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

Share your confidence in God's care. Jesus promised that God will give us

all we need, "*Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all*" (Matthew 6:25, 32). Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

Demonstrate trust in God. While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, "*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 4:6-7).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Catholic Church, a bishop is an ordained minister who holds the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops teach doctrine, govern Catholics in their jurisdictions, and represent the Church.

In addition to filling the need for leadership in a family as big as the Church, bishops link us to

Why do Catholics need bishops?



the Apostles. The Apostles chose disciples to fill their office after them, and passed on to them the authority and faith they had received from Christ. This spiritual treasure was passed from bishop to bishop by consecration in an unbroken line up to today.

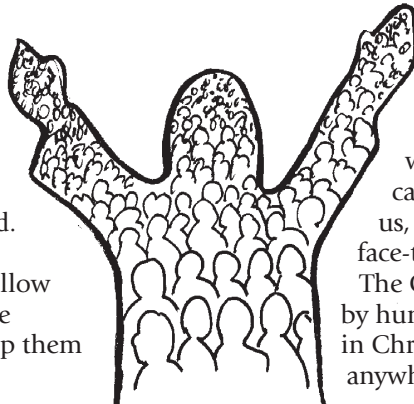
This way, the faith will be available in every age to the rest of the Church.

Where is the real Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.



And those of us who are members on **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

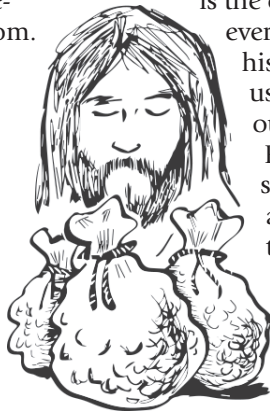
from Scripture

Matthew 13:44-52, The kingdom is worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom.

In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. He sells everything he has to purchase the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything he has to possess the pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting his love for us and loving others as he loves – is the only thing that really feeds



our souls. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept his invitation (he won't force us), our lives may change as our hearts change.

Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is brought ashore.

Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love.

Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

Feasts & Celebrations

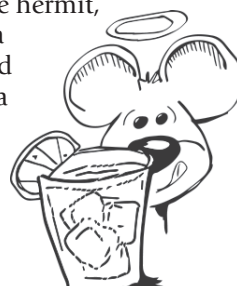
July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas traveled to India and was martyred near Mylapore.

July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1680). A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian

village where she lived in holiness.

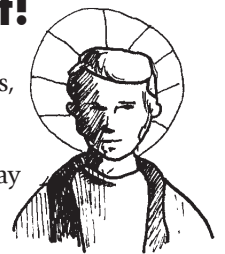
July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus expelled seven demons, helped to financially support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2) and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother (John 19:25). She first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlouf (d. 1898). A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



Q & A

There's a saint for that!



Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

Airplane travelers, astronauts: St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

Accountants, bankers: St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

Battle, soldiers, doctors, police: St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

Finding lost things: St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

Plagues, pestilence, sick people: St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

Students, teachers, schools: St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION PAGE

Immaculate Conception Church July 5, 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God. Once our reason has grasped the idea of God’s almighty power, it will easily and without any hesitation admit everything that [the Creed] will afterwards propose for us to believe—even if they be great and marvelous things, far above the ordinary laws of nature.”¹¹⁵ (CCC, 274)

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

115: *Roman Catechism*, 1,2, 13.

“Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through the Spirit that dwells in you...” [Rom. 8:9, 11-13]

“At that time Jesus exclaimed: ‘I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will...Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest...For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.’” [Mt. 11:25-30]

Catechism Corner

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY 2020

Our Families:

We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

WATCH/STUDY: **FORMED.org picks for this week**

“Into the Breach” - 12 Episodes – Produced by the Knights of Columbus – approx.. 13m episodes

THIS FILM INTENDED FOR MATURE AUDIENCES. PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED.

Into the Breach is a groundbreaking 12-episode video series from the Knights of Columbus that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic man in today’s world. Inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted’s apostolic exhortation to Catholic men, Into the Breach tells men they are made for greatness and challenges them to achieve it by founding their lives on God and pursuing heroic virtue....

“Guigo’s Ladder: A Way of Ascent” – Lectio: Prayer Episode 2 – (St. Benedict of Nursia) –: Augustine Institute – Dr. Tim Gray – Run Time: 28m

“The Search // Episode 7 // Why a Church?” by Chris Stefanick – Run Time: 34m

READ/LISTEN:

“St. Maria Goretti” – Lighthouse Media – Run Time: 30m [Recommend Parental Guidance: review before listening with children]

“The Poco a Poco Podcast” – 10 Episodes – with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

“Anthology: Chants and Polyphony” -- from St. Michael's Abbey – The Norbertines – various run times.

R.C.I.A. News

Congratulations to our newest members who were received into the Catholic Church this past Tuesday, June 30, 2020 during the evening mass. They are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church. They have studied well and have been patiently waiting to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

They are excited about beginning their new journey in faith with and among our community of Immaculate Conception Church. Please welcome them and help them to feel at home.

Our Neophytes (newly born in the faith) are:

Samantha Barrett and Luke Hill

Saint Watch

St. Nicholas Pick and Companions - July 9 (d. 1572)

It is not always possible to choose when and how we will witness to our faith.

In 1568 the Low Countries revolted against Spain. In the northern part (now the Netherlands), the revolt was also directed against Catholicism. This rebellion ultimately led to the recognition in 1648 of an independent Republic of United Provinces (Netherlands).

Nicholas and his companions (11 Franciscans and eight diocesan priests) are also known as "the martyrs of Gorcum," where they were arrested by Calvinist soldiers. They were taken to Briel and urged to renounce the Roman Catholic teaching on Christ’s presence in the Eucharist and on the pope’s primacy. They refused and were hung from crossbeams. The execution was clumsily handled; it took two hours for some of them to strangle. They were canonized in 1867.

Comment:

Notice which teachings were presented to these martyrs. Turning the Eucharist into some vague remembrance of Christ and denying the leadership of the successor of Peter might have seemed easy. Nicholas and his companions knew these teachings were part of God’s plan for his people, and so they would not deny their faith. Both the Eucharist and the successor of Peter will eventually be instrumental in restoring unity among Christians.

Saint of the Day Lives, Lessons and Feast

By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

*“Brothers and sisters:
Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart...”* [Heb. 4:12-13]



Part 2 – These stained glass windows from our church show Mary through symbols as **Comforter of the Afflicted, Refuge of Sinners, and Health of the Sick**. These titles for Mary are part of the invocations in the Litany of Loreto. Pope Francis recently added three additional invocations to the Litany: Mother of mercy, Mother of hope, and Solace of migrants. Free copies of The History & Meaning of Our Stained Glass Windows are available in the Parish Office.

For additional information on the Litany of Loreto, go to:
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-06/pope-francis-loreto-litany-new-invocations.html>

LITANY OF LORETO

Lord have mercy.
 Christ have mercy.
 Lord have mercy.
 Christ hear us.
 Christ graciously hear us.
 God, the Father of heaven,
have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
 God the Holy Spirit,
 Holy Trinity, one God,
 Holy Mary,
pray for us.
 Holy Mother of God,
 Holy Virgin of virgins,
 Mother of Christ,
 Mother of the Church,
 Mother of Mercy,
 Mother of divine grace,
 Mother of hope,
 Mother most pure,
 Mother most chaste,
 Mother inviolate,
 Mother undefiled,
 Mother most amiable,
 Mother admirable,
 Mother of good counsel,
 Mother of our Creator,
 Mother of our Savior,
 Mother of mercy,
 Virgin most prudent,

Virgin most venerable,
 Virgin most renowned,
 Virgin most powerful,
 Virgin most merciful,
 Virgin most faithful,
 Mirror of justice,
 Seat of wisdom,
 Cause of our joy,
 Spiritual vessel,
 Vessel of honor,
 Singular vessel of devotion,
 Mystical rose,
 Tower of David,
 Tower of ivory,
 House of gold,
 Ark of the covenant,
 Gate of heaven,
 Morning star,
 Health of the sick,
 Refuge of sinners,
 Comfort of migrants,
 Comfort of the afflicted,
 Help of Christians,
 Queen of Angels,
 Queen of Patriarchs,
 Queen of Prophets,
 Queen of Apostles,
 Queen of Martyrs,
 Queen of Confessors,
 Queen of Virgins,

Queen of all Saints,
 Queen conceived without original sin,
 Queen assumed into heaven,
 Queen of the most holy Rosary,
 Queen of families,
 Queen of peace.
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world,
 spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world,
 graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of
 the world,
 have mercy on us.
 Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
 That we may be made worthy of the
 promises of Christ.
 Let us pray.
 Grant, we beseech thee,
 O Lord God,
 that we, your servants,
 may enjoy perpetual health of mind and
 body;
 and by the intercession of the Blessed Mary,
 ever Virgin,
 may be delivered from present sorrow,
 and obtain eternal joy.
 Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

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