

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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March 8, 2020  
2nd Sunday of Lent



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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### Mass Schedule

Weekend ..... Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Weekday ..... See bulletin.

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### Communion to Homebound,

Nancy Fritzke ..... 952-955-1560

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation**  
Saturday 4:30pm; or by appointment.

**Baptism**  
Call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Marriage**  
Call the parish office at least nine months in advance to make arrangements.

### New Parishioners

Please call the parish office to register.

## Upcoming Events

March 29: Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 4:00 pm

Stations of the Cross, 5:15 pm & Lenten Supper, 5:30 pm

Fridays: March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>; April 3<sup>rd</sup>

## Parish Support

Endowment Fund: \$14,050

Stewardship Report for Feb. 23 & Mar. 1 Envelopes, Plate & Electr. Collections

Reg. Coll. Feb.23:	\$ 6,169.99	Youth: \$ 50.00	Cap. Improv.: \$ 175.00
Elec. Cont. Feb.:	\$ 1,870.00	Fiscal YTD Collected:	\$ 176,858.81
Reg. Coll. Mar. 1:	\$ 5,894.63	Fiscal YTD Budgeted:	\$ 197,043.35
Weekly Goal:	\$ (5,629.81)x2	Surplus/(Loss):	\$ (20,184.54)
Surplus/(Loss):	\$ 2,675.00		

### Parish Council Members

Amy Hilgers	Vicky Hoeft	Phil Maiers	Judy Younk
Gene Janikula	Terry Gallus	Carol Youmans	Barry Fritzke*
			(*Trustee)

# NEWS & NOTES

## Knights of Columbus:

The K of C officer's meeting will be held 3/8/20 at 9:00am in the parish center. All Knights are welcome to attend. The next K of C general meeting will be held 3/15/20 at 9:00am in the parish center. All Knights are encouraged to attend.

Thanks to everyone that purchased tickets for the "Chef's Dinner at Mario's Italian Kitchen" raffle this year. This event raised \$1,700.00. The proceeds will be split between the "Road to Freedom Scholarships" project and "Unified Sports" program at Watertown-Mayer High School. The winner of the raffle was Kristine Schellenger of Holmen, Wisconsin. Special thanks to Mario for promoting this event and providing the prize.

## CRS Rice Bowls: Meet Trinh

Trinh's family are farmers in Vietnam who have been affected by climate change. What would you do if your source of nutrition was threatened? How can we support those whose livelihoods are vulnerable to weather? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### Upcoming Ministry Trainings

March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am

**Eucharistic Ministers**

March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)**

March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am

**Sacristans**



*In Remembrance*

Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers as we remember Evelyn Fenske, who entered eternal life this past February.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, March 10**

8:00am +Lorraine Lynch

**Wednesday, March 11**

8:00am +Fred Zieske

**Thursday, March 12**

8:00am Michelle Smith  
(in gratitude: Rel.Ed. service)

**Friday, March 13**

8:00am +Richard Carlson

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00pm People of Immaculate  
Conception Church

**Sunday, March 15**

8:00am +L. Marvin Gallus

10:30am +Joseph Neaton

**The Sanctuary Lamp burns  
this week for:**

The Unborn

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Monday, March 9**

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, March 10**

8:00am Mass

**Wednesday, March 11**

8:00am Mass

6:00pm Ministers of Hospitality  
Training (Ushers)

7:00pm Religious Ed.

**Thursday, March 12**

**Parish Office Closed**

8:00am Mass

1:00pm Rosary Makers

7:00pm ICC Ministries Meeting

**Friday, March 13**

8:00am Mass

4:00pm Holy Hour

5:15pm Stations of the Cross

5:30pm Lenten Supper

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00pm Mass

**Sunday, March 15**

8:00am Mass

9:00am KC General Meeting  
(Parish Center)

9:15am Sacristan Training

10:30am Mass

## RELIGIOUS ED., YOUTH & FELLOWSHIP

**Attention Confirmation students:** Confirmation is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am and the Welcome Mass is May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 9:00 Mass. Have you turned in your saint report? Have you signed up for Lifeline Mass? April 4<sup>th</sup> is our last one, it will be A Walk Through Holy Week. Contact Ronda to sign up.

**Attention all Seniors:** Graduation is fast approaching. Baccalaureate Mass is May 17<sup>th</sup>. We would love to hear your plans for college.

**Attention Juniors:** Please contact Ronda if you can help with the brunch after Mass. It is tradition that the Juniors serve the Seniors. Also, if you have your Senior picture please submit one to Ronda before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Registration is open for this Summer's VBS:**

Knights of the North Castle. We will put on our armor to spread God's love.

Night time VBS: May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6pm -8pm

Day time VBS: August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> from 9am -12 pm

**Attention all students 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade:** We will be attending Steubenville in Rochester, MN this summer. We will leave at 12pm, Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> and return about 3pm Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Ronda for more information.

~Ronda

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday

#### Lectors

5:00pm Steve Washburn  
8:00am Chris Boerner  
10:30am Deb Koehnen

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00pm Theresa Washburn/Pam  
Coyle/Judy Younk/Ruth  
Peterson  
8:00am Charlie Poppler/Nancy  
Adickes/Steve Boerner/  
Teresa Boll  
10:30am Katie Brandenburg/Theresa  
Sullivan/Larry  
Brandenburg/Sandie  
Matrella

#### Altar Servers

5:00pm Jason Washburn/Ben  
Guetzkow  
8:00am Ainsley Blair/Colin Blair  
10:30am Isabelle Neaton/Maggie  
Czinano

#### Ushers

5:00pm Phil Maiers/Charlie Burns  
8:00am Matt Blair/Barry Fritzke  
10:30am Mark Brandenburg/Tom  
Neaton

#### Sacristans

5:00pm Judy Younk  
8:00am Barry Fritzke  
10:30am Deb Koehnen

#### **Communion to the Homebound March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Kathy Guetzkow and Charlie Poppler

The Family of Jerry Salonek would like to thank everyone at church and the community for the generous love and support that was given to us during this tragic time. The service was so beautiful. You have truly touched our hearts. God Bless,  
Bonnie Salonek and Family

## MY GOOD PEOPLE,

As Catholics, we are asked to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on Fridays during Lent. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, adults from age eighteen to fifty-nine also are required to fast by eating no more than one full meal and two smaller meals (which should not equal one full meal). Many also choose to give up something else for the Lenten season as a way to unite to Jesus' suffering and to recall the forty days and nights he spent in the desert.

When you get right down to it, God wants more than these acts of penance. He wants us to be changed, renewed, and transformed. Isaiah the Prophet had the horribly unpopular job of telling the people that God was displeased with their fasting. They want credit for their gloomy penitential practices which they perform for people to see. At the same time, they refuse to end their disagreements and give up their worldly pursuits. Isn't that the way it is with us sometimes? Fasting for the right reasons is an important penitential practice. But God also wants us to reject sin and stop making ourselves the center of the universe and put our needs, our wants, our will, our dreams, our goals ~ our very lives ~ in God's service. We are to give alms and help those in need. God wants us to set the oppressed free, feed the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless, clothe the naked, and take care of our sisters and brothers. During this Lenten season, ask the Holy Spirit's direction so you may fast in a way that is pleasing to God and show you how to seek justice for people who have no voice.

~ Fr. Jim

## NEWS & NOTES ...(CONTINUED)

### ICC Ministries

Please join us for a simple Lenten meal after Stations of the Cross during Fridays in Lent. All are welcome. We are looking for volunteers to prepare the meal and bars, set up, serve and clean up. A great project for families and confirmation students! Sign up sheets are on the table in the church entry. If questions, call Abbie McDonald at 763-658-4680.

### Northwest Deanery Lenten Day of Prayer

All women of the parish are invited to a Northwest Deanery Lenten Day of Prayer at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN on Thursday, **March 19<sup>th</sup>**, 2020. The day begins with registration at 9:00 am, followed by conferences, lunch, Confessions & Mass, closing at 3:00 pm. The topic for the day will be "Broken, Blessed and Sent". The cost for the retreat is \$40 payable at the door. Call Nancy at the Kings House at 763-682-1394 to make a reservation. We will meet at the ICC parking lot at 8:30 am to car pool.