

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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March 29, 2020  
5th Sunday of Lent

## LIFE



“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”

JOHN 11:25

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### Upcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,  
all Masses and events  
have been temporarily suspended.

### Parish Support

Stewardship Report for March 22nd

Endowment Fund: \$14,050

\*unavailable at time of publication\*

Reg. Coll. Mar. 8:	\$
Weekly Goal:	\$ (5,629.81)
Surplus/(Loss):	\$
Youth \$	Cap. Improvement \$

Fiscal YTD Collected:	\$ 183,936.31
Fiscal YTD Budgeted:	\$ 208,302.97
Surplus/(Loss):	\$

### Parish Council Members

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

### Mass Schedule

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

### Pastor

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### Parish Office

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### Prayer Chain,

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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.

# NEWS & NOTES

## Behavioral Health Services Expanding!

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota Behavioral Health is pleased to announce that we're expanding our counseling and mental health therapy services in Scott, Carver, Wright and western Hennepin counties. These services are helpful for individuals, couples or families who might be experiencing a major life change, recovering from a crisis, or experiencing stress for a variety of reasons. Currently during the coronavirus crisis, we're offering therapy services through online, face-to-face telehealth to keep our clients and therapists safe. If you have a Smart phone or a computer with a camera and microphone, it's an easy process to download the Microsoft Teams app, and we can send you an invitation so you can click a link and connect to a therapist at the time of your appointment. When we reach the point that we can meet safely in person, appointments will be available at Faith Lutheran Church in Waconia (800 Waconia Parkway) and at Trinity Lutheran Church (513 Madison St. SE) in Watertown. We're grateful to these congregations for their partnership in providing confidential meeting places in their buildings. Services will be provided by Kay Kinkel, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, who has experience in working with people of all ages in trauma, depression/anxiety, relationship issues, and serious and persistent mental illness. Kay also has an MA in religion and will incorporate faith and spiritual issues in her counseling if it is desired by the client. To make an appointment, call 612-879-5320, identify which location you would like future in-person sessions, and ask for an appointment through telehealth to get started right away.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, March 31

8:00am +Evangeline Laumann  
(1st Anniversary)

### Wednesday, April 1

8:00am +Richard Carlson

### Thursday, April 2

8:00am +Jerry Salonek

### Friday, April 3

8:00am +Phil and Carol Maiers

### Saturday, April 4

5:00pm +L. Marvin Gallus

### Sunday, April 5

8:00am +Fran Janikula

10:30am People of Immaculate  
Conception Church

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

Officers & First Responders

## RELIGIOUS ED., YOUTH & FELLOWSHIP

Please continue to watch for information on these events  
during these changing times.

**Attention Confirmation students:** Confirmation is May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am. We will have the Welcome Mass on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am Mass. Please be sure to turn in your Sponsor eligibility form, parish record form and Saint report with a reflection paper on your service hours.

**Attention all Seniors:** Graduation is fast approaching. The 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.

**Mark your calendars for this Summer's VBS!** Our night time VBS will be May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm -8 pm. We will have pizza with the families on Thursday. Our theme is Knights of the North Castle. We will put on our armor to spread God's love. Registration is open. We will be doing our August VBS August 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -12 pm. Friday we will have a pizza party and open with Mass at 8 am.

~Ronda

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Although public Masses are  
suspended at this time,  
Fr. Jim continues to say Mass.**

### Tuesday, March 31

8:00am Mass

### Wednesday, April 1

8:00am Mass

### Thursday, April 2

8:00am Mass

### Friday, April 3

8:00am Mass

### Saturday, April 4

5:00pm Mass

### Sunday, April 5

8:00am Mass

10:30am Mass

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**Please note: Public Masses  
are suspended at this time.  
(Information below  
applies only if things change.)**

**April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday and Sunday  
Palm Sunday**

### Lectors

- 5:00pm Pat Schuler/Nathan  
Johnson/Ruth Peterson  
8:00am Rorie McCormick/Jane  
Burns/Chris Boerner  
10:30am Kari Jo Kantrovich/Liz  
Gerads/Kaleb Hague

### Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00pm Judy Younk/Pam Coyle/  
Theresa Washburn/Ruth  
Peterson  
8:00am Steve Boerner/Susann  
Hoese/Nancy Adickes/  
Charlie Poppler  
10:30am (needed)/Teresa Boll/  
Sandie Matrella/Larry  
Brandenburg

### Altar Servers

- 5:00pm William Larson/(needed)/  
Jason Washburn  
8:00am Wyatt McCabe/Jordan  
Jaekel/Zackary Hilgers  
10:30am Isabelle Neaton/Silvia  
Becker/Seth Koehnen

### Ushers

- 5:00pm Dennis Nester/Joel  
Salonek/Jim Younk/Charlie  
Burns  
8:00am Brian Fritzsche/Bill Murphy/  
Theresa Murphy/Brad  
Matter  
10:30am Tom Neaton/Chris Neaton/  
Jim Nolan/Greg Bury

### Sacristans

- 5:00pm Lori Salonek  
8:00am Jane Burns  
10:30am Lori Foley

**Communion to the Homebound  
March 31st  
Suspended at this time**

## MY GOOD PEOPLE,

Can you believe how much our world has changed in the last few days? Every one of us has had our lives and communities disrupted. Our Archbishop has suspended the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments temporarily and “Social distancing” is a new practice we are all learning how to do.

In my prayer and reflection time, I’m trying to take in spiritually and personally, what God is trying to say to us. I’m not saying that God causes suffering to teach us good things. But God does use everything, and if God wants us to experience solidarity, I can’t think of a better way. We all are suffering no matter what our race, gender, religion, social status, or amount of wealth we have.

I think we are in the midst of a teachable moment. We will refer to this time of the Covid-19 virus for the rest of our life. We’re all in this together. Great suffering always leads to great love for those who are receptive to it. But for God to reach us, we have to allow suffering to affect us. Now is the time “to get out of our head” and feel and suffer and let someone else’s pain influence us in a real way. We need to move beyond our own personal feelings and view ourselves as a community. This is one of the gifts of television and social media. We can see how people in communities and countries outside our own are hurting. What is going to happen to those living in isolated places or for those who don’t have health care? Imagine the vulnerability of marginalized people such as the poor and homeless. We especially need to pray for the people performing necessary services, such as nurses, doctors, first responders and police as well as the people who serve us in grocery stores and other essential services, risking their lives to care for us.

If we view ourselves as overwhelmed victims who need to go into hiding, then we will cultivate fear and hoarding. If we see ourselves as a community working hard to be a caring community, then we will cultivate courage and helping. Our way of thinking really matters.

And we have to allow these feelings of suffering to move us and invite God’s presence to hold and sustain us in this time of prayer and grief. Love alone overcomes fear.

I miss celebrating Mass with you; however, I still offer Mass for you every day. You can still unite yourself to the Mass and receive the grace of Christ’s sacrifice no matter where you are. I remember all of you and miss your physical presence in every mass that I celebrate. I know that you are there with me in the spirit of the Lord.

~ Fr. Jim