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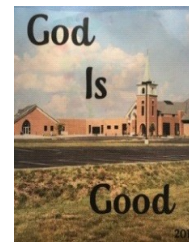
Celebrating 167 years of Mission, Community, Service.

The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

July 10, 2020

Bienvenido el parrochia!

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

PLEASE STAY CONNECTED TO OUR PARISH! Our human nature makes it all too easy not to attend Mass whether online or in person or on the lot. Don't bail on your faith! Keep up your daily prayers for the vaccine hunters and faith hunters as well!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

SATURDAYS, 5:00 pm - Mass in church for 100 people, will also be online. **No one has been turned away yet! (But First Communion is sold out as is Confirmation and Graduation.)**

SUNDAYS, 7:00 am – Park & Pray Mass (driver please bring mask) **No one has been turned away yet!**

SUNDAYS, 9:00 am – Mass in church for 100 people. **No one has been turned away yet!**

FIRST EUCHARIST

July 25 at 5:00 Mass or August 8th at 5:00 by reservation. Or on Wednesdays and Fridays by reservation through Lizanne Young, Director of Faith Formation for our Parish

CONFIRMATION

August 2 and 9 at 11:00 Mass by reservation.

GRADUATION

August 4 at 7:00 in Church-live-streamed, limited seating.

Awards Night(dance?)

Friday, August 7, 7:00 Grades 5-8 Needs to be adjusted.

On July 11, we celebrate the ordination of Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fleming to the priesthood, along with Rev. Mr. Carl Schrage, and Rev. Mr. Joel Siepp. This will be live-streamed at 10:30am through the Cathedral of St. Peter website, and the staff there says the video will remain available for some time afterward (so you can watch again and again). In addition to the ordination of three priests, Bishop Braxton will **consecrate the holy oils** for use in our parishes (this is the Chrism Mass that was postponed during Holy Week), and we also **celebrate the years of service of our diocesan priests**, especially those in jubilee (special anniversary) years. This is such an extraordinary Liturgy to share, even if we can only be there in spirit.

YOUR LINK TO JULY 11, 10:30am:

cathedralbelle.org

Our IC Masses for this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be as follows:

5pm Saturday, in person and online, in which we welcome Erin Zerban to full communion in our faith. Link here: <https://youtu.be/ec4wE2C46CQ>

7am Sunday, Park & Pray. Please use the Upper Lot and tune your car radio to 90.1 FM

9am Sunday, in person and online

If you are joining us for Mass in church, please bring your mask, and we will be taking your name and phone number when you arrive. ***To minimize contact, doors will open until approximately 20 minutes before each Mass begins.*** We are limited to 100 people at each indoor Mass.

Please note the upcoming special occasions in our diocese and at Immaculate Conception in which in-person attendance is limited:

Bishop Elect Michael McGovern will be ordained on Wednesday, July 22, and that Mass will be broadcast live on EWTN. Details at www.diobelle.org

AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: These involve 5pm or 11am Masses (the 7am Park & Pray and 9am Mass in Church are not affected).

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 18/19:

- Adding our first 11am Mass on Sunday celebrating with new-Father Nick.

Reservations for that Mass are required, call the Parish Office at 281-5105.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25/26:

- 5pm Mass is for First Communion, attendance by invitation only

- 11am Mass will be celebrated with Bishop-Elect McGovern and representatives from the Metro-East Vicariate, attendance by invitation only.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 1/2:

- 11 am Mass will include Confirmation, attendance by invitation only.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 8/9:

- 5pm Saturday Mass is for First Communion (again!), attendance by invitation only.

- 11 am Mass will include Confirmation (again!), attendance by invitation only.

OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS: The Parish is distributing copies of this 2018 Pastoral Letter on Racism from the U. S. Bishops, and also publishing excerpts in the Sunday bulletin each week. This will be the theme for the ICS & PSR school year of 2020-21.

Due to Covid-19, we have made the decision not to rent out the Garden Level until after a vaccine is available. Also--If you are a church ministry leader, please bear in mind COVID protocol when planning your meetings. Contact Angie at the parish office if you have questions.

OUR PARISH LABOR DAY PICNIC HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR THIS YEAR. Please continue your Full Stewardship commitment and support any fundraising efforts we may make to offset our loss. The biggest loss is community. Be sure to work hard on that within your home and neighborhood and prayer life.

CONGRATULATIONS on the birth of **Sienna Rose Williamson** on July 7, 2020! Molly and Doc and Jack and Cooper and little bro are thrilled and we love Good News! Welcome Sienna! You won't believe the stories you'll hear about your birth year!

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN: Waiting. **Calendar:** Waiting.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE RICE BOWLS We missed this tradition during the Lenten Season due to the March 17 shutdown. We hope you still have your bowls and will bring them in the first week of school. As bad as we have it, underdeveloped countries are suffering so much worse and the need for help is greater than ever. Thanks for letting your children's spare change make a difference!

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY We will be holding an Initial training on July 22nd and capping at 40 people. 6:00 start. Must register with Angie at abuelt@htc.net It is our goal this year to have 100% of our parents take this important training for the protection of our children! This is required for any coaching, field trips, volunteering etc. for our school and parish in working with children.

PLEASE SAVE ANY PLASTIC HAND WIPE CONTAINERS when depleted and send to school. (leave by door) We can have them refilled for reuse at church and school. New ones are hard to come by from suppliers. Thanks!

ATHLETIC MEETINGS FOR 2020-21 School Year

Sign-up for soccer with our Soccer Coordinator Brian Boyd NOW if you haven't. Brian's job is huge, he handles it amazingly well, but he needs your first contact! **Hit the website!**

Coaches meeting for coaches of **ALL** sports at ICS will be held on **Wednesday July 15** from 6:30-7:30 or **Sunday July 19** from 2-3. These meetings will be in the **Garden Level of the church**. Please make sure you have taken the initial Child protection class

and have all the other paperwork handed in. Child protection refresher will be available in August. If the necessary paperwork is not done, you are not allowed to coach.

Parent meeting for parents of all athletes at ICS will be **Sunday July 26** from 2-3pm, or **Wednesday August 5** from 6:30-7:30pm in the **Garden Level of the church**.

Soccer uniform distribution will be **Sunday August 2** from **12:30-2** for grades **1-4**, and **2-3:30** for grades **5-8** and **Sunday August 9** from **4:30-6** for grades **1-4**, and **6-7:30** grades **5-8**. **This will be in the cafeteria.**

PLEASE HAVE PHYSICALS ON FILE AT SCHOOL AND ATHLETIC AND MAPLE GROVE FEES PAID. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, YOUR CHILD MAY NOT GET A UNIFORM. YOU CAN BRING IN PHYSICAL AND PAY FEES ON UNIFORM PICK UP DATES. **Kindergarten uniforms** will be decided upon and given out at school.

Kyle Doerr is getting better! Please keep up your prayers as he recovers from intestinal surgery.

Fr. Ken Schaefer, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Herrin, is near death from cancer. He is another major loss for the Diocese and his parishioners.

PRAYERS: Special Intention Fr. Ken Schaefer, Kyle Doerr, Danielle Dorlac, Dan Hoeflinger, Tom Keeven Sr., Karen Hornacek, Seth Watters, Patricia Whelan, Glyn Raeber, Seth Conner, Mike Drone, Lindsay White, George Perry, Geraldine McCoy, Kathy Neal, Logan Eichenseer, Marian Wickersham, Ashley Burris, Ed Schaefer, Libby LoPorto, Tom Giovanni, Dion Scherr Miller, Donna Kania, Owen Jordan, Anthony Hendricks, Mark Fiore, Shawn Eichoff, Charlie Stockes, Angela Roepke, Jan Hoffmann, Bill West, Jennifer Nesser, Tom Kish, Patti Rottler, Mike Taylor

Don't blame God for the virus. It is the result of natural law. Thank God for the ability to work on a vaccine and practice the good habits that will keep us safe till the vaccine is ready and enough people inoculated to help us be safe.

SEED By now, the wheat has been harvested and the double crop soy beans have been planted. The corn, due to recent rains, is past *"knee high by the 4th of July, Tim"*. Corn sends up a spiral and can pierce its way out of the ground. Beans have more trouble since they are a dicot and hard rain can keep them from sprouting. Everything has to be right to get that maximum harvest and it all starts with sprouting and then the right environmental conditions of soil, weather, fertilizer, and offsetting the threats of weeds and pestilence above and below ground. ***Scripture always speaks to us right where we are!*** The parable of the sower and the seed reminds us how much it takes, not only from the seed, but from the farmer and Mother Nature, to yield a hundred fold. From my first bulletin board as a baby teacher: "parents plant the seeds, parents and teachers do the watering, but God makes us grow." Give your child roots in the faith!

Mike Kish

Principal

PS **BLOOD DRIVE**: Sunday, July 12, 8 AM – 1 PM in the garden level. All CDC pandemic protocols will be in place.

PS Getting in the routine---wearing a mask is not a political statement. We have a physical pandemic with the virus and cannot turn this into a political pandemic. If we all practice the proper protocols, we can have in person learning without quarantining. Start practicing now. Wear your mask proudly as a statement that we are in this together! (Masks also boost our economy as workers stay healthy and on the job!) I might have a diagnosis for the knot in my stomach---"pandemic urgency". The mask, sanitizer, social distance, are part of the doctor's treatment along with the **TRUST that we will all do that we can, not to contract the virus. I am counting on you!** (Also, be sure and wear your baseball helmet, your football helmet, your hockey helmet, and your bike helmet!)

PS Nicole Fetcho is working on stats for the virus at Wash U. as an epidemiology statistician. She has been pulled off virus research in Africa by the Gates Foundation to help at Wash. U. (ICS grad Spencer Stumpf is on the vaccine hunting end.) Nicole reminded Mom Carol last night that there is permanent lung damage at any age if infected. "I am not afraid of catching it" is heard quite frequently on the news from many of our young people. This is another case of "short term affective, long term devastating."

Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other. We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another. We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society. We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person. Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.