



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

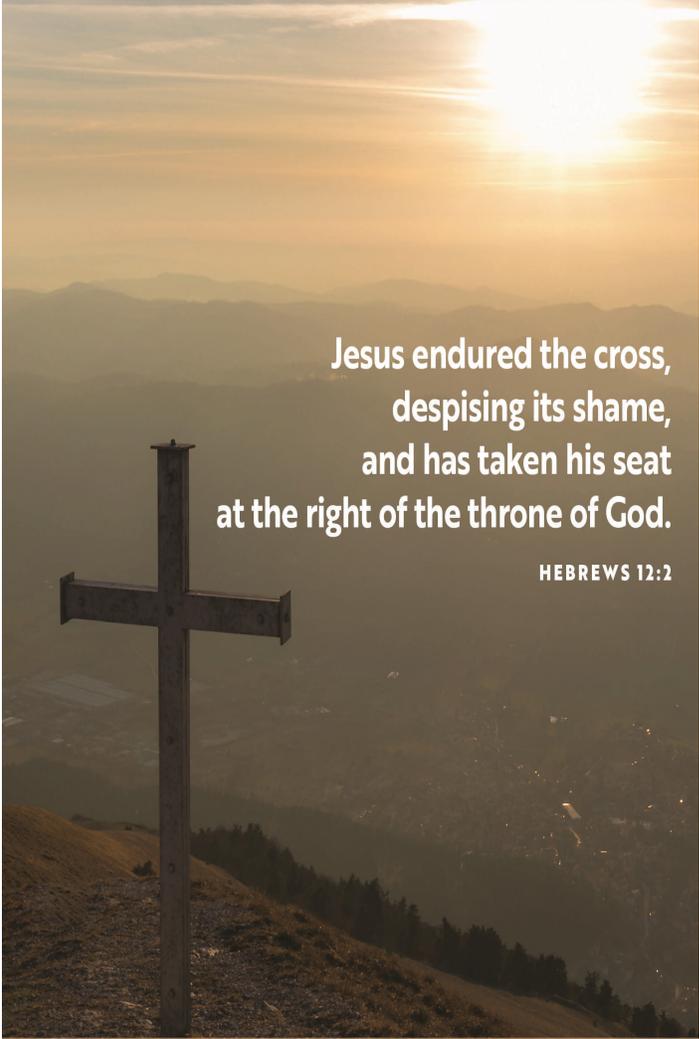
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

Care of the Sick: For emergencies please call immediately. Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly. Families of those who are sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Reconciliation: Tues. 5:30 PM & Sat. 3:00 PM

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six months prior to the projected date of marriage.

Baptism: Celebrated monthly. Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptism preparation is required.



Jesus endured the cross,
despising its shame,
and has taken his seat
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 18, 2019**

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 8,600.20
Building Fund	\$ 233.00

Flowers

Flowers on the altar this weekend are donated by the Guarino family in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Guarino, Sr., Russell and Velma Guarino and Beverly and Jean Guarino.

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Joyce Aucoin, Numa Aucoin, Shirley Blauvelt, Herbert Brown, Inez Bueche, Kyle Cabalero, Charles Chustz, Sadie Collins, Brittany Costello, John David, Ronald Decuir, Landon Dickinson, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Veronica Fusulier, Robert Geier, Jr., Garrett Grafia, Alfred Gremillion, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Audrey Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Gail Jarreau, Laura Jarreau, Lillie Betty Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Troy Menier, Doug Matte, Pam Melon, Gail Metz, David Mohr, Sheldon Moses, Phyllis Naquin, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux.

God Bless Our Troops

Please remember all of our troops overseas, especially members of Immaculate Conception Parish Family:

Lance Corporal Metoyer, Marines; P.F.C.; SPC; Timothy J. Loucks, Corporal U.S. Marine; Lance Corporal Gary R. Major, Jr., Corporal; Private First Class; Major Jordan Morris; Lieutenant Stephen Burleigh, Jr.; MT2 Jacob Lamotte; Sgt. Greg Silva, Army; Jules Craig Cifreo Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army.

This Week at I.C.C.

08/19 KC 4th Degree Meeting
@ 5:00pm.
08/21 KC Officers Meeting.

Sympathy

The Sympathy of Immaculate Conception Church Parish Family is extended to:

Family of Joyce Lee Aucoin.

Family of Inez David Bueche.

2019-2020 Religious Education Registration Important Reminder

Registration for religion classes of grades 1st-11th have started. If you haven't already registered your child(ren) please do so. Classes start the week of **September 8th**. All 2nd grade and 11th grade Catholic students must register in order to receive their sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Instructions to register are on the door of the Office of Christian Formation, for those who may come after hours. The office is located behind the church. If you have any questions, please call **Mrs. Dina Tunstall at 627-5819**.

Immaculate Conception Church Knights of Columbus "Summer Lifesaver" Blood Drive

Our annual KC Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, August 25th**, from **7:00am** till **1:00pm** in the Church Hall. Donors must be 17 or older (16 with parental consent) and should eat first before arriving. All donors will be given a free t-shirt and be entered into a drawing for the following prizes:

1st Place : 32 inch flat screen TV.

2nd Place: Bluetooth CD with digital FM radio.

3rd Place: 5 free car washes at a local car wash.

Be A Life Saver...Donate Blood

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

There is an old maxim in the Church. *Lex orandi, lex credendi* – “The law of prayer is the law of belief.” This says something about our current crisis of belief in the Church. New research from the Pew Research Center indicates that only 26% of US Catholics under the age of 40 believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. According to the study, “nearly seven-in-ten Catholics (69%) say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine used in Communion ‘are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.’ Just one-third of U.S. Catholics (31%) say they believe that ‘during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus.’”

It cannot be overstated how bad this is. The Eucharist is *the* most important thing we have as Catholics. It is the fundamental and most central belief we have in how we live as Christians. Some might think that other things are more important, like care for the poor and needy. The Second Vatican Council refers to the Eucharist as the “Source and summit of the Christian life.” Anything good we do comes from and leads back to the Eucharist. But only because of what, or Who, it is. It is Jesus. Not symbolically, but really. Flannery O’Conner famously said, “Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.” Acts of charity and the social teaching of the Church are important, but only in regards to how they relate to our relationship with Jesus, who gives himself to us Eucharistically. St. Maximilian Kolbe wrote that “everything other than God has value to the degree that it is referred to him, the maker of all and our own redeemer, the final end of all things.” If we do not understand the way in which God comes to us, in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, then nothing else good has any value, because good things only have value in regard to their relationship with Him. This includes even doing good works for the poor.

Some Church leaders will act shocked at this finding, and wring their hands as they wonder how we failed so badly at catechesis. They are already saying how this is a failure on the part of teachers and catechists, and their priests, in teaching young people in Catholic schools and PSR programs. This is all untrue. This is not as much a catechetical failure as it is a liturgical one. *Lex orandi, lex credendi*. If our ritual and liturgical worship looks like we be-

lieve that God in the flesh is really and truly present in the Eucharist, then more people will believe it. And if we act like the Mass is an opportunity for self-gratification of attention starved clerics, sentimentalism to warm the hearts of Lifetime movie loving housewives, and a community gathering to sing about how we are all one big happy family and everyone gets a part in the production – then we’ll believe the Eucharist is anything other than the God of the Universe, making himself present in a sacrificial offering for the salvation of our sin ridden souls.

No. The answer is not *just* better catechesis. That might help, but it is not all. We have to offer the Mass in such a way that professes what we are supposed to believe. This means that the Eucharist ought to be treated with *extreme* care. It means using only the finest of vessels and vestments. It means approaching with *extreme* reverence – as was once done, when people actually believed, and their approach to the Eucharist displayed that as they knelt on their knees and received him who created them on their tongue. This means spoken prayer be said directed towards God with humility instead of like a stage actor reading from a script for the audience. This means that only the unworthy but still chosen and consecrated hands of clerics distribute the Blessed Sacrament. This means the music be less reminiscent of a show tune or campfire, and more like a heavenly sacrifice. Put simply, if more people are going to believe in the Eucharist, we have to pray like we believe it.

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd

Calling All Crafters & Sweet Treat Makers

This year’s fall fair is quickly approaching. Donations of unique craft items and yummy sweet treats are needed. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Joy Hopkins or Francis Antie. We thank you in advance for helping make this year’s fair a huge success.

