



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

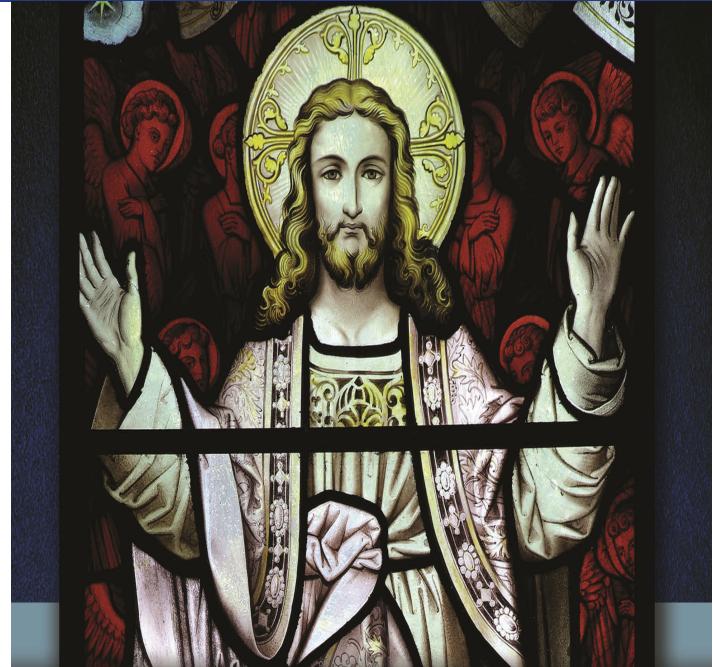
Daily Masses: Tues. 6:00 PM & Wed.-Sat. 8:00 AM

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. 5:00 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.



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

THE SON OF MAN WILL COME
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL
ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.

Matthew 16:27



Scriptures for the Week

Monday: I Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: I Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: I Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21;
Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: I Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 5:1-11
Friday: I Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;
Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: I Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

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Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

— Romans 12:2

Your Stewardship

Collections	\$ 7,340.00
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God Bless Our Troops

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

Jordan Todd Aguillard, Air Force; Jules Craig Cifreo, Air Force.; Samuel Edward Guidroz, Navy; Quinton T. Gaspard, P.F.C., Army.

Prayer Requests

Aguillard Family, Leslie Aguillard, Trevor Allement, Janelle Amond, Tim Amond, Shirley Blauvelt, Kyle Cabalero, Linda Cheek, Lee Joseph Comeaux, Brittany Costello, Jean David, Brilynn Davis, Ronald Decuir, Shannan Everett, Deborah Fountain, Robert Geier, Jr., Alfred Gremillion, Joe Guarino, Pamela Vicknair Harrington, Lyndon Lynn Hernandez, Danny Jarreau, Earl Jarreau, Sr., Laura Jarreau, Sharon Jarreau, Tess Jarreau, Reid LaComb, Kevin LeBlanc, Kay Lee, Larry Lee, Janice Marks, Doug Matte, Troy Menier, Gail Metz, Sheldon Moses, Linda Olinde, Corey Patin, David Patin, John Gary Patin, Jr., Abigail Politz, Shelby Porche, Dotti Purpera, Michael Roche, Hank Ryan, Hunter Schurba, Lou Sherman, Timmy Smith, Sr., James Thames, Sonny Trabeaux, Ainsley Wolf.

This Week at I.C.C.

09/01 PAL Meeting
@ 6pm Rm #2.

Blood Drive Winners

- 1st Place:** Steve Aucoin
2nd Place: Hilary Stephenson
3rd Place: Gerald Dellucci

Sincerest thanks to everyone who helped make this year's blood drive a huge success. We had a total of **40** individuals who generously donated blood. Their donations will help to make a big difference in the lives of so many.

You are all true life savers!

Mission Appeal Weekend

The Piarist Fathers are asking for your support and prayers in helping with their continued educational work and outreach programs for those living in poverty in the Appalachia mountains.

The Piarist Fathers were founded by St. Joseph Calasancius in Rome in 1617. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the Piarists take a fourth vow to educate youth. They operate between 195-200 schools in 32 countries around the world. One of those schools is located in the Appalachian region of eastern Kentucky.

The three Piarists stationed in eastern Kentucky minister to the Catholics in four counties. Catholics number less than 1/2 of 1% of the population.

The Piarist Fathers thank you for your generosity and ask that you keep them in your prayers.

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

One of the great challenges to a life of sanctity is how to avoid participation in the sins of others. We often do not know what to do when confronted with the sins of others. We rightly want to avoid being judgmental. And in our fallen state we also like to fit in with those around us by going along with what is considered normal at the moment. We do not want to ostracize our loved ones, or be ostracized ourselves. Of course there are also instances where we might have an inadequate understanding of morality that causes us to participate in the sins of others.

There is a traditional list of nine ways we might participate in someone else's sins. This can be used in addition to a normal examination of conscience to consider how we fall short by failing to help others avoid sin. It is helpful to consider with each of these if we could imagine Jesus or one of his saints doing this. This list is: counsel, command, consent, provocation, praise or flattery, concealment, partaking, silence, and defending of something evil.

Counsel is when we advise someone to do something sinful. We should consider moral actions objectively. Someone's situation, intention, or ignorance does not justify evil actions.

Command is similar, but when we demand someone do something sinful. If we are in authority over someone, it is an abuse of that authority to tell them to do something immoral. While obedience to legitimate authority is a virtue and a moral necessity, every human person has the right and obligation to disobey sinful orders.

Consent is to permit someone to sin, or to tell them that it is acceptable. Imagine someone we love who is in a hard situation, and out of a desire for them to be relieved we rationalize a sin, or try to ease their guilt by telling them it's "okay" to do something sinful. These are the circumstances that often lead to sins like abortion, euthanasia, and unjust divorce and remarriage, and more.

Provocation is when we tempt someone to sin by challenging or daring them. Adults often tell young people not to fall into peer pressure. Yet, people of all ages are guilty of provoking others to sin. For instance, "what do you think about her?" is a question easily and often asked with the intent to get the person to speak ill of someone else. Or when someone says "come on, one more drink!" as someone tries to practice moderation. Or when a man says to his friend, "check her out", as a provocation to lust.

We give **praise or flattery** to someone in sin when we affirm and even congratulate them, or show our delight or admiration in their behavior. Have you ever laughed at sinful jokes? Or thanked someone for offensively "telling off" some person we mutually dislike? We might even applaud or pay to witness someone else's sin and say, "I'm not the one doing it." We should never celebrate someone for being good at being bad.

Concealment is when we try to cover up or hide someone's sin. We might do this to help someone avoid consequences of some wrong doing, or to mislead others about the actions or character of that person. We can do this by assisting someone to get rid of evidence. It can also be done by lying or leaving out key facts when recounting something, or failing to report to the proper person. (This requires careful prudence. We should never gossip and/or carelessly destroy a reputation by telling uninvolved people about someone's sin, which is another kind of sin called detraction.)

Partaking is when we join in sinful behavior

with someone.

Silence is when we fail to tell someone they are doing wrong. Admonishing someone else can be really difficult. It takes courage to tell someone we love that they are doing something wrong, but it also takes love. Can we really claim to love someone who we see doing evil, while we sit idly by? Love means to "will the good of the other." If we really want good for someone, we should not want them to be living in sin. When we have the opportunity to say something and we remain silent we are not loving that person, but loving ourselves more. We allow our own ego and need to be liked to get in the way of lovingly correcting them.

Defense of the sinful action is when we attempt to rationalize or justify someone's sinful activity. We might say that their victim deserved it, or that there was no better course of action, or that the ends justified the means. As an example, "He/She has to be pro-abortion in order to get elected, but can do a lot of good in office" is an attempt to both justify that politician's stance on abortion and voting for him/her. There is never any good defense for sin.

Could you imagine Jesus telling someone to do something less than morally perfect? He never sat idly by and allowed sin to rule the day. He always invites others out of sin, and calls people to perfection, and was even willing to fight against sin to the point of death on a cross. And he invites us, even in difficult times when sin seems the only remedy, to take up our cross and follow him. We must communicate the same to others, lest we fall into sin by not working for the sanctity of others.

My brothers, if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. – James 5:19-20

When I say to the wicked, "You wicked, you must die," and you do not speak up to warn the wicked about their ways, they shall die in their sins, but I will hold you responsible for their blood. If, however, you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, but they do not, then they shall die in their sins, but you shall save your life. – Ezekiel 33:8-9

Totus Tuus,
Fr. Todd Lloyd



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