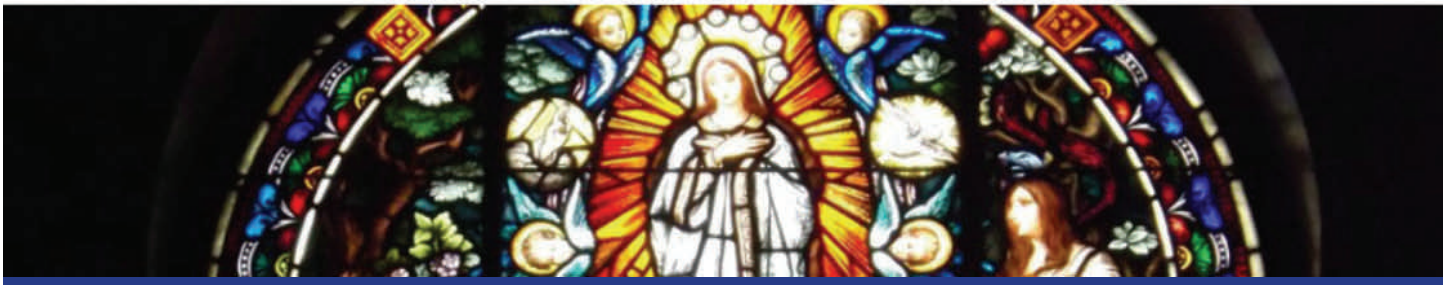

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

Daily Masses: Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Reconciliation: Tuesday 5:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 PM

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

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

Marriage: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement or at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date.

The blind man said, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
MARK 10:51–52

Attr. Master of the Antiphonary of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas,
Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 24, 2021

Scriptures for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Baptisms

We welcome to our Parish Community:

Reign Joseph Bajoie, child of Joseph Earl Bajoie & Paige Delatte Bajoie.

River Lynn Bajoie, child of Joseph Earl Bajoie & Paige Delatte Bajoie.

Food Bank Thanksgiving

The ICC Food Bank is busy making preparations for Thanksgiving. Each year, we do our best to supply the Food Bank participants with a special Thanksgiving box, which includes a turkey. If you would like to help by making a monetary donation, please contact **Kris Chustz** at **(225) 620-7507**.

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; Kaleb Porche, P.F.C., Army; Zachary Carl Rollins, Marines.

Prayer Requests

Leslie Aguillard, Daniel Allemond, Lynn Amond, Tim Amond, Roy Ancona, Evelyn Babin, Linda Beauvis, Blaine Benoit, Joseph Leroy Bizette, Annie Bouqure, Robin Casiano, Daryl Cazes, Jewel K. Cutrer, Noah David, Brilynn Davis, Betty Decou, Mary Doris Deculus, Malachi Engen, Anna Grace Fremin, Elizabeth Gosserand, Joe Guarino, Laura Jarreau, Noah Jarreau, James Joseph, Judy Joseph, Barbara Landry, Maria Lawrence, Ramie LeBlanc, Janey Lively, Margie Marionneaux, Janice Marks, Rob Melacon, Myra Moniotte, Corey Patin, Christine Patin, Coral, Nate & Violet Pennison, Nancy Racca, Cody Reed, Hank Ryan, Keith Schapatone, Jackie Scott, Scott Shows, Anna Graves Smith, Sonny Trabeaux, Harry Williams.

This Week at ICC

10/24 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 9th-11th** @ 9:30am.

10/25 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 6th-8th** @ 5:15pm.

10/26 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 1st & 2nd** @ 5pm.

10/27 **Rel. Ed Class Grades 3rd-5th** @ 5pm.
Supper & Substance @ 6pm.

10/28 **KC Memorial Mass** @ 6pm.

10/30 **Blessing of Graves**

Your Stewardship

Collections **$** 8,874.00

ICC Supper & Substance
(A Night Out for Married Couples)
Wednesday, October 27th
6pm
Parish Hall

RSVP Appreciated
ICCCSupSub@gmail.com

Blessing of the Graves
Saturday, October 30th

Morning mass will begin at **8am** at Chenal Cemetery (weather permitting). Blessing of the Graves after mass. Lakeland Cemetery immediately follows.

All Saints' Day
Monday, November 1st

Mass

12 Noon & 6pm

All Souls' Day
Tuesday, November 2nd

Mass

6pm

From The Pastor's Desk

In Christ,

We are at the end of October which means ghosts, ghouls, and *saints.* Many Christians find this season to be scandalous. I personally enjoy it. But there is something that should be pointed out. What we should enjoy about Halloween is NOT the gore and occultism. Rather what we enjoy is perfectly related to our faith that there is life after death. We are celebrating God's triumph over death by mocking death.

Many reject or embrace Halloween because it is or isn't Christian, Catholic, Pagan, etc. Really all of these are true. It started as a festival for the mythical Celtic lord of the dead. The Celts believed that the night before the feast the gates of the underworld were opened and that the dead were allowed to roam free. For protection the living would disguise themselves as the dead so that the agents of death would see them as allies and not hurt them. In addition to blending in with the dead, they would also offer them food and wine to appease them.

Eventually the Celts were converted to the Catholic faith. At this time the old Druid festival came to be associated with the night before All Saints' Day on November 1st. The pagan sacrifices were eventually replaced by charitable offering to the poor. This charity was twofold: the poor were assured a meal on this day and in return they were asked to pray for the dead relatives of their benefactors. The masquerading itself was also "Catholicized" when the Church authority encouraged the faithful to dress up as Christian angels or saints.

Throughout a long history of festivities the traditions of the feast have evolved. But one thing should still stand true for Catholics: we know *we* are alive and that the *dead* are living too. We are joyful that death has been overcome thanks to Jesus. And so we can say with St. Paul "Where, oh death is your victory?" (1 Cor. 15). Whether we dress up as saints in preparation for All Saints day, or just as the *living dead*, we are still mocking death because as Christians we are not afraid of it.

Consider this week how you will remember those who have died. Throughout November we will continue the practice of praying for the faithfully departed while we also celebrate the victory of the saints. This commemoration should include sacrifices and works of charity on behalf of our deceased who may still suffer in purgatory. And this charity also honors the lives of those who have overcome death in heaven.

We will have the annual cemetery Mass and blessing of graves on Saturday, October 30th. Mass will begin (weather permitting) at Chenal Cemetery at 8AM, with the blessing of the graves in Chenal immediately after, and then in Lakeland. Monday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is usually a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. We will offer All Saints Mass in our Church at 12 Noon and 6PM. Then on Tuesday, November 2nd, the Church offers Masses for all the faithful departed on All Souls Day. We will have Mass at 6PM that day. Try to participate in a Mass that day and offer prayer for your dead loved ones who may still be in purgatory.

Totus Tuus
Fr. Todd Lloyd

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