

Immaculate Conception



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Hours: Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Sun. 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Parish Mission Statement

"We are the people of Immaculate Conception (est. 1860) in Ithaca, NY (Tompkins County), a Parish of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Rochester. Inclusive and rich in diversity, we joyfully embrace our baptismal call to worship, celebrate sacramental life, nurture spiritual growth, foster lifelong faith formation, minister to others, share our gifts of time, talent and treasure, and affirm the Good News of Jesus Christ. We seek to welcome everyone no matter where they are in their spiritual journey."

Parish Staff

Fr. Leo Reinhardt – Pastor / Sacramental Preparation ext. 113
Sr. Edna Slyck – Pastoral Associate for RCIA, Liturgy, Evangelization ext. 108
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Lynn Kingston – Business Manager ext. 106
Diana Oravec – School Principal 273-2707
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Contact Information

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Religious Education Office – 273-6121 ext. 109
Sacramental Preparation – 273-6121 ext.113
IC Inspirational Gift Shop – 273-6363
Calvary Cemetery – 272-5780

Sacrament of Baptism

A baptism preparation session is required before the baptism of your child. Please call 273-6121 prior to the due date for an appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call 273-6121 at least 6 months in advance of your anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 273-6121 to request this sacrament.

Hospitalizations

Please call 273-6121 if your loved one is in the hospital.

Immaculate Conception Staff Connection



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"Reach For Christ"

One of the greatest blessings serving as the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for Immaculate Conception Church is to witness the incredible support that our entire parish has for young people. From those who volunteer their time as Religious Education teachers, Children's Liturgy of the Word facilitators, volunteering to help with the middle school and high school youth groups, and providing financial and material support for special programs is what helps sustain youth ministry in our parish.

As you have seen in the bulletin the past week or so, a group of high school teens from our parish with the support of Ryan Barba (High School Youth Ministry Volunteer), myself and Carolann are planning an overnight retreat experience called **"Reach For Christ"** for Catholic teens in our area from February 27th-28th. This promises to be an incredible experience for young people and there is a lot of excitement around this event. In order to make this a successful retreat experience **we are asking for some help from all of you.** We are in need some willing adults to help with a variety of things for the weekend. We will need help with preparing and setting-up during meals. Our breakfasts and lunch will be fairly simple with the hope of a nicer "theme" dinner on Saturday evening. We will also need help decorating for the weekend as well as help with some other "surprise" activities. If you are able to help in any of the ways mentioned above you can contact me (Rich, Coordinator of Youth Ministry) at 273-6121 ext. 110 or e-mail me at rasmussen@immconch.org. Any help that you can provide is greatly appreciated. Again, it is your support that has made youth ministry in our parish so successful. So, on behalf of all young people and families in our parish **THANK YOU!**

Rich



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Please join Immaculate Conception School for the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools—Dividends for Life". A Catholic school education provides faith, knowledge, discipline and morals which together help students to become well-rounded and successful contributors and leaders in our society, communities, and world. Come and be a part of one or all of these activities:

Open House and All-You-Can-Read Winter Book Festival: Tuesday, February 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Immaculate Conception School. Families are invited to visit the classrooms to see student work and to talk to the staff. The Reading Festival will include a Scholastic book fair, refreshments, and a variety of related events.

Visit a Catholic School Day on Wednesday, February 3rd from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. During the day you can tour the school, visit the classrooms, and talk with parents and staff.

Come see how Immaculate Conception School provides dividends for life!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GIFT SHOP

Stop in and pick a saint! Pick a saint to spend time with and pray to in 2010. The shop has a great selection of prayers, books and medals of many special saints for your journey. Make prayer your new resolution! The new store hours are Monday to Friday from noon to 5:00 PM and Saturday from noon to 4:30 PM. The shop will resume Sunday hours from 9:30 to noon in February.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Sunday, January 31st meet Tompkins County Red Cross director, John Ward in the ICS After-School room at 11:45 AM.

Sunday, February 7th meet The Advocacy Center Education director, Lynn Stack at 11:45 AM in the ICS After-School room.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$60,000,000 has been raised for local charities throughout the country. It is a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Next weekend we invite you to participate as we take part in this national campaign to feed the hungry. We welcome your donation of "can or coins" for "Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday". Look for labeled empty pots located at each church entrance. All proceeds will support the Kitchen Cupboard here in Ithaca.

EUCCHARISTIC INTENTIONS**MONDAY, February 1**

12:10 PM I.B. Alexander & Deceased Members of the Alexander Family (req. by Gloria Scalise)

TUESDAY, February 2

7:00 AM Betty Turco (req. by John & Josephine Churey)

WEDNESDAY, February 3—Feast of St. Blaise

12:10 PM John Pearson (req. by Margaret Ruane & Family)

THURSDAY, February 4

12:10 PM Joan Kenrick Otto (req. by Dinah Collins)

FRIDAY, February 5

7:00 AM William Schermerhorn & Deceased Members of the Honora Sammons Family (req. by Arline Deeb)

SATURDAY, February 6

4:30 PM Larry Brown (req. by the Brown Family)

SUNDAY, February 7

8:30 AM Frank Ruane—1st anniversary (req. by the Ruane Family)

10:30 AM Glendon LaFountain (req. by William Brooks & Family)

BLESSING OF THROATS

Wednesday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. Mass will be at **12:10 PM** and throats will be blessed before the Mass, starting at 11:45 AM and again after the Mass.

GET INTO THE ACTS

Week of January 31, 2010 (4th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Read: Acts 12: 25 –13: 43

Reflect: As Peter did earlier in Acts, Paul again connects the understanding of Jesus in the early church with its Jewish roots and history. Paul raises up key moments in the life of the Jewish people and connects them with Good News and God's saving action. How has God's saving action been present in my own history? Where on my path have I seen or experienced God at work in my life? How have those experiences changed my life as a disciple and how I share the Good News with others? Where am I being called to grow in my discipleship at this point in my journey?

Did anything else stand out for me in this section of Acts? **Act it out!** How do my reflections today inform how I will live out my discipleship in the world this week?

Could Iwrite out important parts of my faith journey in a letter to my children?

.... visit a member of my community in the hospital?

.... use a moment of transformation in my life to connect with someone going through a similar struggle at school?

How else could I act it out?

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL...

In Elmira, NY is holding registration for the 2010-2011 school year on Sunday, February 7th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM and on Monday, February 8th from 3:15 to 8:00 PM. Financial aid is available! If you would like more information, please contact Sister Nancy Kelly at (607)734-2267, ext. 318.



the sick of our parish and for all the men and women in the service of our country.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN THE PARISH

Sunday, January 31

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:20 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
- 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School Gym

Monday, February 1

- 1:00 PM Rosary Making—Parish Center
- 1:00 PM Book Sharing—McGraw House
- 7:00 PM First Eucharist Parents' Meeting—Carges Hall

Tuesday, February 2

- 11:00 AM Food Pantry—Carges Hall
- 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal– Church

Wednesday, February 3

- 7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—Carges Hall

Thursday, February 4

- 12:40 PM Adult Faith Formation—Carges Hall

Friday, February 5

- 7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
- 11:00 AM Benediction—Church

Saturday, February 6

- 5:30 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Church
- 6:00 PM Holy Hour

Sunday, February 7

- 7:45 AM Praying the Rosary—Church
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Classes (grades 1– 5) - School
- 11:30 AM RCIA—Carges Hall
- 11:45 AM Junior & Senior High Youth Groups—School Gym



Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of Charlie & Kate Boyer from Mary Walpole.

BAPTISM BLESSINGS

We welcome Daniella Marie Drozd, daughter of Laurence and Colleen Drozd. Daniella was baptized January 17, 2010.



FEBRUARY HOLY HOUR

Our Holy Hour will be on Saturday, February 6th at 6:00 PM. The theme for the Holy Hour will be "The Courageous Heart". Please plan to attend as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Lent.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"Pope John Paul II, His Life and Legacy" will be the topic of the DVD for this week's Adult Faith Formation. "How does a poor little boy from a small town in Poland become pope?" The DVD is narrated by Bill Blakemore from ABC News. He will examine the forces, experiences and people that shaped the man—Pope John Paul II. Included in this DVD is a look at the art and architecture of the Vatican with Robin Roberts. There will also be a tour of the papal apartments, with Diane Sawyer, which were used by Pope John Paul. Bill Blakemore will give an informative review of the 1978 papal election. This presentation will be after the 12:10 Mass on Thursday, February 4th. Bring your lunch and enjoy this presentation and the hospitality of community who gather. Beverages will be provided.

Our Offering to the Lord
 January 24, 2010

Collection 2010	\$7,228
Budgeted (\$10,118 weekly)	\$303,540
Actual Collections: wk 30 of FY	\$272,066
OVER/(UNDER) to date	(\$ 31,474)
Collection 2009	\$7,790

Haiti Relief Collection **\$8,890**

Thank you very much for your wonderful generosity
 to the people of Haiti in their time of need!

Attendance 2010 **793**

Attendance 2009 **809**

We appreciate the suggestion of gifts to Immaculate Conception Church or School in obituary notices as a fitting and respectful way to honor deceased parishioners.



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE

Sister Edna attended the January meeting of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission of which she is a member. There is still a search for a Diocesan Liturgy Director, whose salary will come from this Appeal. Diocesan Personnel continue to "fill in" by sharing the responsibilities until someone is hired. So far we have **\$35,338.88 or 68.38%** towards our Spirit Alive goal of **\$51,682**. Thank you for the sacrifices you are willing to make to help our various ministries. If our goal is not reached by our contributions, it will come from our operating budget. **Remember—no contribution is too small—for our ultimate goal is to have 100% participation.** You may go on line to view the video if you missed it or to make a donation at www.dor.org. **May God continue to bless and your families for your outstanding generosity that we may better minister to you..**

BUILDING PEACE WITH JUSTICE

The Kingdom of God as revealed by the life and teachings of Jesus has love as its central motivation. Today St. Paul reminds us that without love as our motivator, we have nothing.

Our hearts have all been moved by the terrible suffering in Haiti and the people of the world have once again responded with loving generosity. Yet once the cameras have gone, the daily unspeakable poverty of Haiti and other desperately poor countries will continue to claim thousands of lives daily.

Reflection: *Would we be closer to the Kingdom if we took St. Ambrose's words to heart? "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his.... The world is given to all, and not only to the rich."*

IC BOOSTER CLUB TICKETS....

We still have a few tickets left. First drawing is on Sunday, February 7th. The 1st prize is \$500.00. Don't miss out on a chance to win!