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The Connection

A publication of Immaculate Conception Church
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates and time subject to change. Check IC & CF calendars for updates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
February 25	PULSE Night	St. Mary School	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
February 26	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Come & See Event)	IC-Corrigan Hall/CGS Atrium	7:00 pm
March 6	Lenten Reconciliation Service	IC	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
March 9	Parish Lenten Retreat	IC-Corrigan Hall	11:00 am - 4:00 pm
March 15 - 17	Scones/Soda Bread Sales	IC/STP	after all Masses
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Mass & Dinner	STP	11:00 am Mass dinner to follow
March 17	Dinner & Silent Messenger Performance	IC	5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
April 20-21	First Communion	IC/STP	normal Mass times
April 21	PULSE Night	St. Mary School	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
June 9-14	Extreme Faith Camp	Mason, WI Crossroads Adventure Camp	
June 23-28	Totus Tuus	IC	
July 6-13	Catholic Heart Workcamp	Huntingburg, IN	
July 22-26	Vacation Bible School	St. Anne Catholic School Somerset, WI	

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Rush Hickethier joined our parish team in late-December 2023 as the new Business and Development Manager, following Barb Bailey's retirement. He has enjoyed meeting new people, from our fantastic staff to our welcoming parishioners, and hearing their stories as he is transitioning into his new role of managing the day-to-day operations within the Church office. Rush will work closely with Father John, Parish and School Staff, the Pastoral and the Finance Councils of both St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception parishes, overseeing business operations. He will also play a critical role in analysis, development, and implementation of fundraising campaigns and other parish initiatives.

Rush was born and raised in Balsam Lake, WI where he graduated from Unity High School. He attended the University of Minnesota-Duluth before transferring and then graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a B.S. in Business Administration. Rush has 10 years of professional experience in Sales & Marketing, Quality Assurance Management, Client Management, Project Management, Account Management and Business Development.

"New experiences and challenges have always excited me. However, being guided by the Lord to and through these endeavors provides a new, enlightened excitement." - Rush

During their time in college, Rush met his now fiancé, Morgan. The two moved to Woodbury, MN following their graduations from University of Wisconsin-Stout before purchasing their house in New Richmond, WI in 2022. In November of 2021, the couple was blessed with the birth of their daughter, Harper. They are excited for Harper to begin attending St. Mary School when she enters 3K.

Rush invites all to please visit the church office for an introduction.

"I have found that with every introduction comes a unique story and experience which builds connection, understanding and inspiration. Each one of you are a blessing to the world and I can't wait to meet you ." - Rush

welcome

TO THE TEAM



Happy Retirement Barb Bailey!



MAY YOU BE PROUD OF THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE,
THE PERSON YOU ARE,
AND THE *difference* YOU HAVE MADE!

Below are just some of the thanks and blessings shared from our Parish staff and community!

Thank you for your everlasting stewardship. You are a blessing and an inspiration. God Bless.

Thank you for all you did for our parishes during your time here. It was a pleasure working with you. May your retirement be filled with much happiness and bring you many blessings. Time to enjoy your family, especially your grandkids.

We wish you all the best in your retirement. Get some well-deserved rest, relaxation, and start spending more time with family. Thank you for all of your efforts for the church. You will be missed.

Thank you for all your help, advice, and friendship these last 2 years. Happy Retirement.

It was a pleasure working with you, enjoy your retirement.

Thank you for working with everyone at IC and SP over the past 3 years.

Congratulations and best wishes on your retirement.

Happy Retirement Barb! Thank you for your time and expertise that you have provided to our parish. We have benefited from your service and appreciate you. We spend our working career getting ready for this next phase of our life. Hopefully you are well prepared for control of your own time and activities you wish to pursue.

Thank you, Barb, for all you did for St.Patrick and Immaculate Conception parishes.

Enjoy your retirement!

I want to say thank you for all you did. Pray you enjoy your time off.

Congratulations, Barb, on your retirement! I greatly appreciate everything you've done to support our parishes, and your willingness to be flexible and pick up new tasks. You are a gem. Thank you! God Bless.

Thank you for always being there! I must admit my life will be a bit less stressful with only 1 Barb around. :) Your dedication and sleepless nights were so appreciated and really took us in the right direction! Enjoy your time!!!

Congratulations on your retirement. Enjoy your time with the grandkids!

THANK YOU for all you have contributed to our parishes! May God bless your retirement. Enjoy!

We could not have navigated the last two years of parish ministry without you! THANK YOU for everything you did for us in the two parishes!

It's hard to put into words the many good things you have done to help the Parish be better. You will be missed in the office but we know that you will enjoy your passion of knitting. Happy Retirement!

NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

TITHING AND NEEDY FUNDS

Did you know?


The Church maintains a special fund called the “Needy Fund”. We normally take an offering around Thanksgiving to support this. From this fund we purchase Scrip gift cards for Walmart (Food) and Kwik trip (gas). During office hours, those in need can stop by to get a gift card along with a resource sheet for local help. We track card distribution, to keep it fair and make sure the program is not being abused. All we ask in return from the recipient is pause and say a prayer with available staff.

The churches (IC and St. Patrick’s) also tithe to different charities. You tithe to the church, the church tithes to others. The Finance Councils at both churches help decide who the recipients are each year. A percent of our Adult, Youth and loose weekly collections is allocated to this.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that giving online, or setting up auto-pays helps the Church to manage its budget better? When people opt to use these, we see consistent giving, which helps us to better manage our general accounts, which are used for payroll and facilities. Summers are the worst for us, as less people are at Masses, and the bills continue to come in regardless. This is the time of year we normally barely make payroll and sometimes take out a line of credit to cover expenses.

- We know we have a very blended parish when it comes to how you give. Some prefer their box of envelopes at the start of each year – and that is totally fine! We have no intention of discontinuing these.
- Then we have those who don’t want to use any online systems but would like to have auto-pays done with either their credit card or bank account, that’s also fine! We have forms available on our website: Electronic Giving which you can fill out and turn into the office.
- Some choose to use online and mobile tools, provided by “Vanco” (our system of choice for online giving). We have included the instructions (to the right in blue) if you would like to use this method. You can also stop by the Business Office if you want some help setting it up.

 **What’s a QR Code for?**
Quick Response codes are scannable codes, which when using the camera on your smartphone will launch you to a website (try scanning this code). We use QR codes within our Church bulletin (for both IC and St. Patrick’s) and sometimes on printed materials to make payments easier. If you have not used Mobile giving in Vanco, you may be asked to set up your account when you scan. Know this is a trusted source the Church is providing. You’ll be amazed how simple it is to use.

WAYS TO GIVE



In Person

Whether it’s cash or check, we appreciate your kindness. Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering box or in the collection baskets.



Online

Visit <https://ic-church.com/> and click DONATE to set up a one-time or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



Text

Text 844-592-2468 to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Make sure to have your payment information on hand.



Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Once downloaded open app and find your church (Immaculate Conception or St. Patrick’s). Available on Apple and Android devices.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship Committee

Terry Palmer, **Chair**

Mary Kay Lanners, Philip Mills, Robert Slater
(we are currently looking for more members)

In this issue of Stewardship corner we highlight the Immaculate Conception Church Council of Ministries.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COUNCIL OF MINISTRIES

The Chair of each of the main ministries listed below meet 10 times yearly to keep a pulse on Immaculate Conception, CF and school activity. They assemble for one to two hours each session to keep lines of communication open, so that all ministries know what other groups are planning, to offer advice to ministries in need, and to set policies for the parish so that all activities run smoothly and in the best interest of all parishioners. This is a closed committee for only those who Chair on the ministries listed below along with two Parish Liaisons.

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Stewardship
- Ministry of Worship and Spiritual Life
- Ministry of Catholic Formation
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Outreach and Parish Social
- Buildings and Grounds



In each publication, the Stewardship Committee will feature a ministry or two.
If you happen to have a group you would like featured, please reach out to Terry Palmer.

DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR NEWS

New Parish Initiative: “Maintenance-to-Mission”

The Parish Evangelization Team for Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick’s continues to meet every other week. We begin by spending half an hour together in group prayer. Then we continue discussion, discernment, and work towards what the vision is for our two parishes in ministry and mission. We are tasked to help provide guidance and leadership with the mission of evangelization in our parishes. We are reviewing the ministries and opportunities for faith journey and social outreach to help us better understand what we may be able to do to help support each person in the two parishes in the daily walk of life.

Each of us as a baptized people are called to live a life modeling Christ on earth. An invitation is extended to each of us to live in a discipleship relationship with Jesus through His Church. How fortunate we are as people of God to always have the open standing invitation from God to experience His love if just we open our hearts and ears to Him. We also have the open standing invitation to follow Jesus’ example and teachings for a holy life. Jesus was clear that each of us as a sinner is called and welcomed, yes invited, to live in faith. But it is more than private acts of faith. Jesus’ words make it clear that we must obey His instructions in the presence of others. This isn’t to show off but to win hearts for Him and demonstrate the love of God for each of us. We are called to a commitment to follow Christ that will help point others to Him by our example. It is both as individuals in relationship to one other in our daily life journey as well as in relationship with others in the Catholic Church.

There are additional copies of the Pastoral Letter on Evangelization from Bishop Powers available at the weekend information booth at Immaculate Conception and at the main entrance at St. Patrick’s. You can also read the digital copy of it available online with a click on the front page of the IC website at ic-church.com.

Our team prays for discernment as to how our parishes can do more to help each parishioner grow in the love of God. Please pray for the Parish Evangelization Team and the success of our mission to the New Evangelization... “Come Holy Spirit Come Holy Spirit.”



— AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME —
SO I SEND YOU
— JOHN 20:21 —

Maintenance To Mission



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1000 PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN

CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

THANK YOU to all who donated to the Box of Joy project this year!! St. Patrick's and Immaculate Conception Parishes collected 170 Boxes of Joy. We EXCEEDED our goal! The boxes were sent to Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala, Grenada, or Honduras. Thank you for your generosity and support! You have shared the love of Christ with others in need around the world.



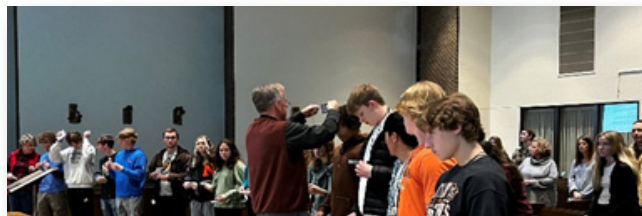
HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP (November 10-12th, 2023)



- Eight high schoolers attended High School Discipleship Weekend in Mason, WI November 10-12th.
- The weekend was entitled Vocare, which is a Latin term meaning to call or to summon. We were blessed to have several talks by one of our newly ordained priests, Fr. Isaiah Schick from Rice Lake.
- Part of camp rules are NO PHONES. Campers have to interact with others. No phones is really not much of a hindrance as cell phone reception is as abundant as the dodo bird. The only thing left to do is enjoy fellowship with others in a peaceful environment, while pondering your relationship with God.
- If you are in high school, are interested in building strong relationships with people who will help you walk the path towards God, and yes, even learn some things, you should attend HSDW.

2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS

The 2023 Confirmation Class of 23 candidates attended their rehearsal on October 25th. At the end of the rehearsal, they were given the opportunity to receive a brown scapular as a gift from our parishes, in the first inaugural enrollment ceremony of the brown scapular at Immaculate Conception.



Bishop Powers confirmed 22 candidates from Immaculate Conception & St Patrick's Parishes, and 1 candidate from St Patrick Parish in Hudson, in a Confirmation ceremony on October 28th at Immaculate Conception.

Many of you received prayer doves for these young adults of the church. We ask that you keep praying for them throughout the year.

2023 FIRST SACRAMENTS UPDATE

32 children from Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's will have received their First Reconciliation upon publishing of this newsletter. Please pray for them as they prepare for their First Communion the weekend of April 20-21, 2024.



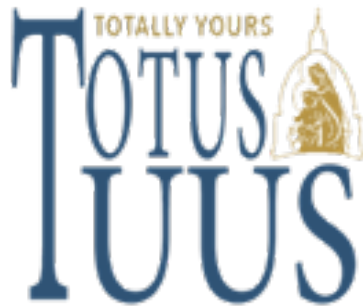
UPCOMING SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS



EXTREME FAITH CAMP

A week-long retreat full of outdoor adventures, faithful reflections, daily Mass, and Adoration, at Crosswoods Adventure Camp in Mason, WI. 6-8th grades are campers. High school participants are on the prayer team or become cabin leaders. Adults can attend as chaperones.

JUNE 10-14, 2024



TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus means “Totally Yours” in Latin and signifies our desire to give ourselves totally to Jesus through Mary. A week-long summer camp adventure put on by Totus Tuus team missionaries. They are young college-age adults who spend the summer traveling throughout the diocese, engaging youth in our faith. 1st grade through High school.

JUNE 23-28, 2024



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP

To share the love of Christ as we serve the neglected, brokenhearted, and the marginalized in any way needed. Equally, to inspire participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others as a way of life; and to foster the Catholic faith of each participant through the Sacraments, prayer, and involvement in social service. For youth entering 9th grade through 20 years of age. Location in Huntingburg, Indiana.

JULY 6-13, 2024



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Joint-parish VBS with Immaculate Conception/St. Patrick’s and St. Anne Parishes! Held at St. Anne School in Somerset. Participants: Age 3 through entering 5th grade. Volunteers: Entering 6th grade through adults.

JULY 22-26, 2024

GROUPS & PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

GROUP/PROGRAM	TARGET AUDIENCE	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Converts	IC Church	Sunday	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Fall - Spring
You will learn the basics of the Catholic Faith in preparation for full communion with the Catholic Church.				
Reignite	Men	IC Church	Wednesday	5:30 am - 7:00 am
All men are invited, covering various curricula focused on becoming better men, husbands, and fathers in the world.				
In Christ	Women	IC Church IC Church	Friday Monday (bi-weekly)	9:00 am - 10:30 am 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
All women are invited, Lectio Divina style fellowship covering Sunday's gospel reading.				
Thyreos	Anyone	IC Church	Monday (bi-weekly)	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
All are invited as we study the Bible cover-to-cover (occasionally skipping)				
Lambs to Lions	Singles (16-23)	IC Church	Sunday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Single young adults will learn what a Biblical worldview is, and how to hold onto it to live their faith, without getting ensnared by the world. (1-2 sessions per month)				
Faith Journey	Anyone	IC Church	Monday	10:00 am - 11:30 am
All are invited, the group decides what is of interest to them, runs the series, then decides on the next topic.				
Catholic Formation	Grades K-5 Grades 6-10 Grades K-8	IC Church IC Church St. Patrick's	Wednesday Wednesday Sunday	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm 9:45 am - 10:45 am Fall - Spring
Children are taught the Catholic Faith, including preparation for receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.				
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Ages 3 - 4 Ages 3 - 4	IC Church IC Church	Wednesday Friday	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm 9:00 am - 10:30 am Fall - Spring
Children are taught about the Catholic faith in a Montessori style setting				
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Ages 3 - 7 Ages 3 - 7	IC Church St. Patrick's	Sunday Sunday	9:15 am - 9:35 am 11:15 am - 11:35 am
Children are invited to attend their own unique setting during the Mass.				

For more information, please contact the Catholic Formation Department at 715-246-4652 x228

UPCOMING EVENTS



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. PATRICK'S 2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Stations of the Cross

9:30 AM Every TUESDAY through March 19 with SMS
6:30 PM Every FRIDAY through March 22

Reconciliation

6:30 PM Wednesday, March 6 - Communal Penance Service
4:00 PM Every SATURDAY
Anytime by appointment

Men's Prayer Group

7:00 - 7:45 AM Every WEDNESDAY through March 27
Led by Cliff Tenner

Adoration

7:00 PM Wednesday, February 21 and Wednesday, March 20
1:00 PM Friday, March 8

ST. PATRICK'S

Ash Wednesday - February 14

6:30 PM Service with Ashes

Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Every THURSDAY through March 21

Reconciliation

Anytime by appointment

Adoration

6:30 PM every THURSDAY through March 21

Please check the bulletin and internet platforms for possible time changes.



Palm Sunday
March 23-24, 2024
5:00 PM Mass (IC)
9:00 AM Mass (IC)
11:00 AM Mass (STP)

Holy Thursday
March 28, 2024
7:00 PM Mass (IC)
Incense Used
8:00 PM Adoration (IC)

Good Friday
March 29, 2024
1:00 PM (IC)
6:30 PM (STP)

Easter Vigil
March 30, 2024
7:30 PM Mass (IC)
Incense Used

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
7:00 AM Mass (IC)
9:00 AM Mass (IC)
11:00 AM Mass (STP)

UPCOMING EVENTS



You are invited to Come & See - Are you being called to this ministry?
Monday, Feb. 26 at 7pm in IC Corrigan Hall, Room 4

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is growing within CF (adding 5-6 year olds) and new to St. Mary School 3 year olds as of fall 2024! Catechists, assistants, subs and volunteers in other capacities are needed to help make it a fruitful ministry for our children.

CGS educates not only the head but also the heart, nurturing the child's relationship with Jesus. Please pray about being a part of this ministry that is strengthening our community with the joy of bringing the mystery of Christ to our children.

Come & See if you are called to join us!

-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Team-
Kendra Bos, Kate Butler, Crystal Friske, Mary Medini

UPCOMING EVENTS

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

February 28 8 a.m.
through
February 29 8 a.m.
At St. Patrick's Church

*Spend time
with Jesus
this Lent!*

As part of the Eucharistic Revival every Wednesday throughout the year Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is being held at a different parish in our diocese. Join us at St. Pat's for a great opportunity to spend time with Jesus, our true source of life!

Looking for at least one person praying with Jesus all 24 hours so sign up commitment is appreciated.

Everyone is welcome to come at any time even if you do not sign up or if someone else is already signed up for the time that works for you.

Sign up for your 1 hour of adoring (or more!) here. Or contact Kendra Bos call or text 715-781-8831 or email Kendraannmitchell@gmail.com

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St. Patrick's Church 1880 Co. Rd. G New Richmond



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UPCOMING EVENTS



Immaculate Conception Church
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LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

CORRIGAN HALL | 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

INVITE A FAMILY MEMBER, A FRIEND, A NEIGHBOR OR
SOMEONE IN NEED OF QUIET TIME WITH PRAYER AND REFLECTION.

11:00 am Lunch will be provided (free will donation)
12:00 pm Triduum: The Great Three Days (Deacon Mike Germain)
1:00 pm The Paschal Mystery (Fr. John Anderson)
2:00 pm Metanoia: Living our Faith (Deacon Mel Riel)
3:00 pm Adoration
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Mass

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED.
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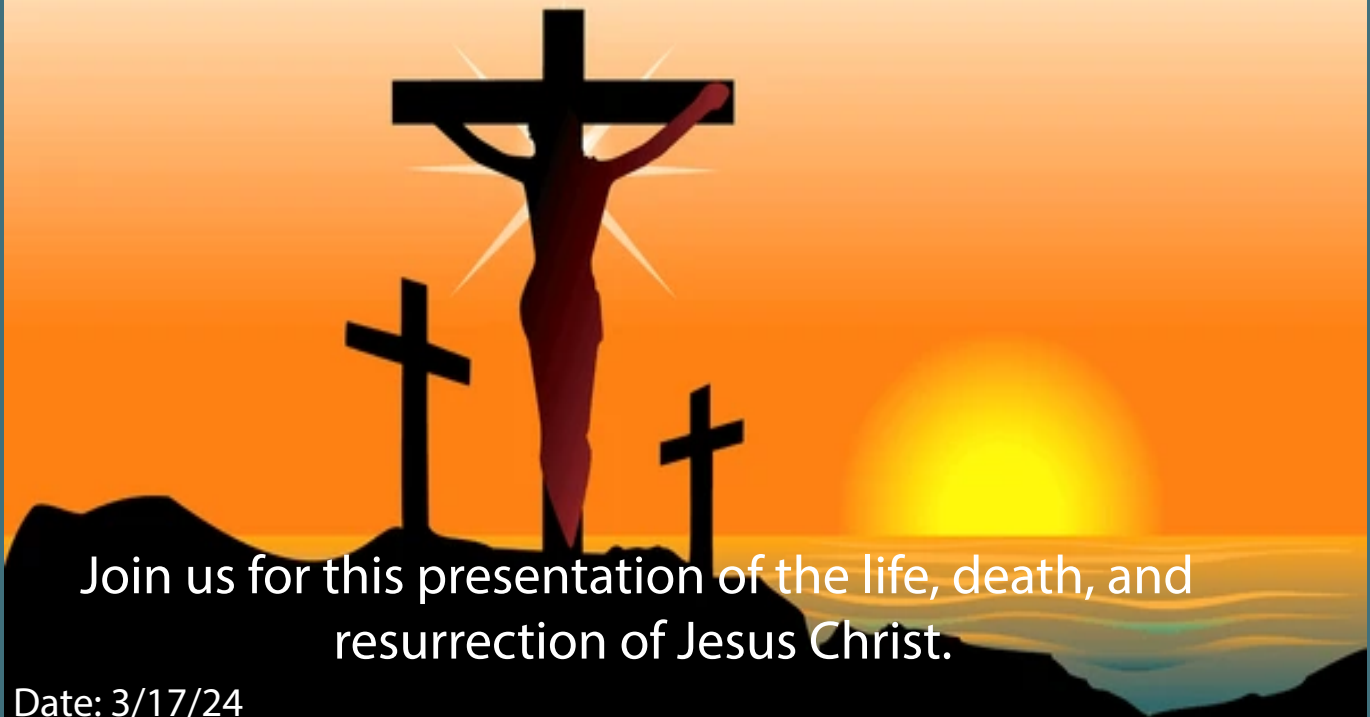
"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."
Matthew 28:20

UPCOMING EVENTS

Silent Messengers



Presents: Celebrating A Savior



Join us for this presentation of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Date: 3/17/24

Time: 5pm Soup & 6pm Play

Location: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church:

151 S Washington Ave, New Richmond WI 54017

Please contact Patty Gallaty with questions at 715-554-4928



Free Will Offering
for
Grace Place
Homeless Shelter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, June 17th, 2024

ST. MARY SCHOOL



4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

10th Annual

at the New Richmond Golf Club

Now taking Tournament, Hole and Memorial Sponsorships. Also seeking Silent Auction and Raffle Donations. Please contact Maria Helgerson to learn more.
E-mail: Maria.Helgerson@gmail.com or Ph: 651.792.5650

Watch for team registration to begin in April!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Totus Tuus

“Totally Yours”

Catholic Summer Youth Camp

June 23 - 28, 2024

This Year's Theme
The Apostle's Creed along with
the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary



WE NEED YOU!

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these areas:

- ➔ Host family to house the 2 women team members for the week
- ➔ Host family to house the 2 men team members for the week
- ➔ Hosts to provide supper and conversation for the 4 member team
- ➔ Provide lunches for the 4 member team
- ➔ Donate snacks
- ➔ Help during the day or evening of the Totus Tuus week

Contact the CF Team at the Parish Office with questions or if you are able to help!



WE ARE
Hiring!

ADULT CHURCH CHOIR DIRECTOR

**Did God give you a gift?
A gift of creating, directing, producing beautiful,
inspiring music for a congregation?**

Immaculate Conception already has a group of 25 adults that are very willing and spiritually driven to produce beautiful music under direction.

This is a part time position that has a 2-4 hour weekly commitment.

If you are interested or may know someone who is,
please contact the Church Office at 715-246-4652
and ask for Barb Peterson.

For a complete job description please visit our website!

ic-church.com

MASS TIMES



WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY

5:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM

DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM (school year)
8:15 AM (non-school year)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

8:15 AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment



WEEKEND MASS

SUNDAY

11:00 AM

DAILY MASSES

FRIDAY

9:30 AM

DID YOU KNOW?

Immaculate Conception has a YouTube Channel!



You can watch recorded and live Masses, along with funerals and other saved content.

<https://www.youtube.com/@ic-churchlivestream7546/featured>

Simply click on the "Live" tab to see our recordings.

The recordings will be purged at points, so not all history will be available.

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@icchurchlivestream7546 516 subscribers 419 videos
Welcome to Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's Parish

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UPCOMING 1:11:14

Sunday 9:00 am Mass July 23, 2023 Sunday 9:00 am Mass July 16, 2023