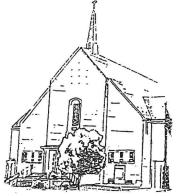


The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



Mailing / Parish Office Address: 202 Alabama Street SE

Church Address: 116 Alabama Street SE LONSDALE, MN. 55046 507-744-2829

office@icchurch.cc icchurch.cc

Pastor Father Nick VanDenBroeke frvandenbroeke@icchurch.cc

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Closed Tuesday through Friday 9 am - 12 pm

Afternoon hours on Friday 1 pm - 4 pm Office Manager:

Mary Rose Rynda

Music Ministry:

Justin Merritt

Custodian:

Tim Capistrant

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 8:00 AM Thursday at 6:30 am Saturday at 5:00 PM - Sunday at 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

-----Sacrament of Baptism----

Pre-Baptism meetings are held with the Pastor.
Please call for an appointment.
We encourage you to contact the Parish and meet with Father before the birth of your child.

-----Sacrament of Reconciliation----

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM in Church or call for an appointment

-----Sacrament of Marriage-----

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

Pre-marriage preparation is required.

-----Anointing of the Sick-----

Call the Parish Office.

----Communion Calls Visits---

If you or someone you care for would like to receive Communion or a Pastoral Visit at home or in the hospital, please call the Parish Office.

-----New Parishioners-----

Families or individuals wishing to become registered members of our Parish should contact the Parish Office.



LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

6100 37TH Street West, Webster, MN. 55088

OFFICE 952-652-6100 <u>www.holycrossschool.net</u>

Cheryl Kapler, Principal cherylk@holycrossschool.net

School Mass Wednesdays during the school year, will be hosted at the three parishes on a rotating schedule.

[Holy Cross School News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesdays at the LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER www.Inmvre.net or contact the Parish Office.

[LNMV Religious Education News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

7 Christmas Carols that mean more to Pro-Lifers

There is a wonderful pro-life organization called 40 Days for Life, and on their weekly podcast this past Tuesday they did an episode about Christmas carols that have special meaning to the pro-life movement.

I'll list the seven songs they mention, but I encourage you to listen to the entire episode to learn why these songs are special for pro-lifers. In addition, the three hosts of the podcast do Christmas trivia, discuss Christmas movies, and most importantly, discuss the importance of Christmas songs, all in a spirit of lots of playful banter between them.

To find the podcast, just search online or in a podcast app for "40 Days for Life Podcast" and find the episode titled "7 Christmas Carols that mean more to pro-lifers".

Here are the 7 songs they highlight as being extra special to pro-lifers:

- O come o come Emmanuel
- + What child is this
- † I heard the bells on Christmas day
- † It came upon a midnight clear
- + O holy night
- † O come all ye faithful
- † Joy to the world

In this podcast you'll not only learn more about these songs, but you will also learn about verses to the songs that you may have never heard before, but which have profound meaning.

Here is one neat piece of trivia that they mention in the podcast... Did you know that Mariah Carey was dubbed the "Queen of Christmas", but that in an interview she stated: "I just want to humbly say that I don't consider myself [the queen of Christmas]. To me, Mary is the Queen of Christmas." She explained that she loves the Christmas season and singing Christmas music, but her faith proclaims that Mary is the true Queen of Christmas.

I hope you all have a very wonderful and merry Christmas!

You are in my daily prayers.

God bless you,

Fr. VanDenBroeke

BULLETIN - December 22, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception Church

is open from 7 am until sundown daily for prayer.

Dec. 23 Monday - St. John Kanty (m)

No Mass

Dec. 24 <u>Tuesday - Christmas Eve</u>

(No morning Mass)

4:00 PM All of our Parishioners 10:00 PM All of our Parishioners

Dec. 25 Wednesday - The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM All of our Parishioners

Dec. 26 Thursday - St. Stephen (F)

No Mass

Dec. 27 Friday - St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (F)

7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 AM Fred Roushar †

Dec. 28 Saturday - The Holy Innocents (F)

4:00- 4:45 PM Confessions

5:00 PM* Deceased members of Albert J and Anna (Smisek) Tuma Family

Dec. 29 Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM* All of our Parishioners

10:00 AM*

*Knight of Columbus will lead the rosary before Mass

CONFESSIONS are heard in the confessionals inside the Church.

(m) - optional memorial (M) - Memorial (F) - Feast (S) - Solemnity (c) - commemoration Ad Orientem - We have begun celebrating most Masses Ad Orientem, however the following Masses will still be celebrated Versus Populo: Saturday 5pm and Tuesday 8am. Visit our website for more information on Ad Orientem.

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Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4PM - Mary Sibenaller 10PM - Jackson Simon

Wednesday, Christmas Day 9AM - Amy Zasoski Saturday, December 28 5PM - Emma Sickmann

Sunday, December 29 8AM - Joe Miller 10AM - Matt Duchnowski

SERVERS

Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4PM - Durbin 10PM - Simon

Wednesday, Christmas Day 9AM - Volunteer servers

Saturday, December 28 5PM - Vinge

Sunday, December 29 8AM - Mergen 10AM - Duchnowski

SACRISTANS

Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4PM - Cathy Mikel 10PM - Mary Rose Rynda Wednesday, Christmas Day 9AM - June Myers

Saturday, December 28 5PM - Tom Thorman

Sunday, December 29 8AM - Mary Rose Rynda 10AM - Mary Rose Rynda

4th Sunday of Advent: #1012 in Red Book

1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19,

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10, Gospel: Luke 1:29-45

Christmas Readings (Mass during the night): #1014 in Red Book 1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13,

2nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

masstimes.org



We invite families to bring up the gifts at Mass. There is a signup sheet in the back of church where you can jot down your family name before Mass begins to signup to bring up the gifts at that Mass. (The gifts signup sheet is the same as the usher signup sheet.) Especially

if you have younger children, this is a special thing to do as a family once in a while.



Mass intentions can be offered for any reason including someone who has died, to celebrate a birthday, or sacramental anniversary. If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, contact the Parish Office. Call 744–2829 or email office@icchurch.cc

STEWARDSHIP

Immaculate Conception is striving to become a Tithing Parish

"Give to the Most High as he has given to you, generously, according to your means." ~ Sirach 35:12

Tithing is an important responsibility for all of us as part of living the Christian life. We are so grateful to everyone who has given so generously to serve the Church and support if financially. In case you missed it, we encourage you to listen to Fr. VanDenBroeke's homily on Tithing found on our website.

COLLECTION, December 15, 2024

Weekly giving:	Weekly budgeted:	Weekly Over (Under):
\$ 7,312	\$ 5,490	\$ 1,822
YTD giving:	YTD budgeted:	YTD Over (Under):
\$ 127,474	\$ 133,760	\$ (6,286)

Cemetery - \$475
Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts to you!



Use mobile giving to contribute to the church. Search for "Vanco Mobile" in your app store.



Contributions:

You can mail your contribution envelope to

IC Church, 202 Alabama Street SE, Lonsdale, MN. 55046,

drop it in the drop box in back of Church, or see the website to set up online giving or mobile giving. Call the Parish Office with questions.

If you are contributing to more then one collection, please write a separate check for each envelope. This will help with our accounting process.

Thank you for your generosity.



We would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all of our parish family, friends and visitors. We pray, as a parish consecrated to Jesus through Mary, that we may call upon Our Lady to help us grow closer to her newborn Son throughout the Christmas season. May the coming of Christ this Christmas bring you comfort and joy throughout the New Year.

God bless you all, From the IC Parish Staff Fr. VanDenBroeke, Mary Rose, Tim and Justin



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$763,713.96 Donated materials \$75,791.07

Outstanding pledges \$336,232.26

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,175,737.29

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 175

Percentage of parish families who have contributed 45%

Thank you to all that have turned in your pledge cards.

Turning your pledge card in is a great help in the committee knowing what to expect from the parish in order to do the campaign projects.



We are officially entrusting the parish projects and the capital campaign to St. Joseph. We will be praying the below prayer to St. Joseph at weekend Masses at the end of the petitions. We also invite you to take home one or more prayer cards that will be available in the back of church and pray the prayer to St. Joseph daily for our parish. St. Joseph, pray for us!

O St Joseph, my loving father, I place myself forever under your protection. Look upon me as your child and keep me from all sin. I take refuge in your arms, so that you may lead me on the path of virtue and assist me at the hour of my death. Amen.

Weekly Emails from the Parish - We really want to stay connected with you, so we will be sending a weekly parish email with just a few highlights of what's happening in the parish. If you would like to sign up contact the parish office by emailing office@icchurch.cc.

PARISH CONTACTS

Our weekly bulletin is published online! Please visit the BULLETINS page on website at icchurch.cc

DEADLINE TO PUT ARTICLES IN THE CHURCH BULLETIN IS TUESDAY AT 11:30 AM

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

https://www.facebook.com/ICLonsdale

TO SCHEDULE EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

CEMETERY BOARD

Jim Prchal 744-2779

PARISH TRUSTEES FINANCE COUNCIL

Dave Stepka 612-328-2944 ~ Milton Trnka 744-2655

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ASSOC. (FCSLA)

Milton Trnka 744-2655 milton@fcsla.com

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Jeremiah and Krista Foxhoven 507-412-0205 jerfox@hotmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS

Betty Voseipka 744-2130

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Call Delores Kalina 744-2709 with prayer intentions

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP (Fridays after 8am Mass) Meet in the Parish Hall

For more information call Shirley Trcka 744-2728

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS (Wed. 1 pm) meet in the Parish Hall

For more information call Joan Trnka 744-2220

PRO-LIFE

Expecting Parents are welcome to contact Fr VanDenBroeke to receive a special blessing. ~PROJECT RACHEL~

[for women and men]. For confidential post-abortion care, call (651)-291-4515 or respectlife@archspm.org Also see www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Project Rachel Link for post abortion healing. hopeafterabortion.com ~PREGNANCY OPTIONS LIFECARE CENTER~~

18 NW 2nd Street, Faribault, MN. 55021 - 507-332-7644 - www.polifecare.com

~~NORTHFIELD WOMEN'S CENTER~~

200 Division Street-Suite 140, Northfield, MN 55057 - 507-645-7638

northfieldwomenscenter.org connect@northfieldwomenscenter.org ~~PREGNANCY CHOICES APPLE VALLEY~~

15010 Glazier Avenue, Suite 104, Apple Valley, MN 55124

952-997-2229 - www.mypregnancychoices.com ~~INFANTS REMEMBERED IN SILENCE (IRIS)~~

To help parents, family, and friends cope with the loss of a child in early pregnancy or infant and childhood death.

218 3rd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021 - 507-334-7448 www.irisRemembers.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Dec. 22 - Rev. Joseph Johnson Dec. 23 - Very Rev. Michael Johnson

Dec. 24 - Rev. Jan (Michael) Joncas Dec. 25 - Rev. Colin Jones

Dec. 26 - Rev. Mark Joppa Dec. 27 - Rev. Thomas Joseph

Dec. 28 - Rev. Saw Joseph

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord, Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of you mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things. Amen.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen. For Vocations: Father we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Archdiocese.

December Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For pilgrims of hope - We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th at 4 pm and 10 pm Wednesday, December 25th at 9 am

Come early to enjoy some carols!

Solemnity of Mary, **Mother of God**

January 1st

The Mass schedule for this solemnity:

Tuesday, December 31st - 5 pm and 11:45 pm Wednesday, January 1st - 9am

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is also a Holy Day of Obligation.



Bring in the New Quarter Century by coming to Mass at 11:45 pm on New Year's Eve for the Solemnity

Parish Office will be closed December 24 and 25, for Christmas and January 1st for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



2025 Calendars

We have been told 2025 Calendars, that we receive curtesy of White's Funeral, will arrive around Christmas. Once we do receive them, they will be out in the back of church for pick up.

This year the calendars are going to be

"Archdiocese of St Paul and Minneapolis 175th Anniversary Calendars"

We are excited to get them!

Youth Group Opportunity

Come have a fun evening with friends, learn about the faith. and spend time with Jesus. Invite a friend!

For more information contact Angie at angieshop@msn.com

FIAT Middle and High School Ladies Group Sunday, December 29, 6:30 to 8 pm.

We invite all ladies in 6th-12 grade to join our Fiat group. We will be gathering at Mary Rose's house in Lonsdale. We will have time of large group discussion and break out into smaller groups too. Come build holy friendships with the virtues of our Blessed Mother. Bring Christmas goodies to share.

Contact Mary Rose with questions at maryroser@holycrossschool.net

KC Corner

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM in the Crusader Civic Center.

All men 18 or older who wish to join IC Council #16225 contact Dave Stepka 612-328-2944 or Email lonsdale.kofc@gmail.com

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO JOINING THE KNIGHTS!

Education

Religious LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

Please keep all our OCIA candidates in your prayers as they move forward on their journey towards Christ and His Church.

May their hearts be open to hearing the Word of God calling them to continue to seek His truth and mercy.



Please note, for donations to be counted in 2024, they must be received on or before December 31st. 2024.



The Church of the Immaculate Conception

End of Year Planned Giving

When you make a planned gift that supports The Church of the Immaculate Conception, you ensure that the mission of our parish is fulfilled. Your planned gift has a lasting impact on our Church and on our world.

Gift of Stock

A gift of stock to the Church of the Immaculate Conception can provide you with DOUBLE TAX BENEFITS. First, you may be able to claim a charitable donation in the amount of the market value of the stock (original cost plus any increase in value) on the date the gift is made to the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Second, you avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value of the donated stock.

IRA Direct Transfer

If you make a direct transfer from your IRA to the Church of the Immaculate Conception this won't increase your adjusted gross income as this transfer is not actually distributed to you. This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution. This option is particularly beneficial if you don't itemize deductions on your tax return.

Matching Donation

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees to a qualified charitable organization. Most employers will match to the school and some employers will match to the Church as well. This is a way to double your gift to benefit the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

To learn more or to coordinate a planned gift you are invited to contact the parish office by calling 744-2829 or emailing office@icchurch.cc Your call or e-mail is welcome!

Thank you for prayerfully considering the Church of the Immaculate Conception in your charitable giving.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Come learn more about our preschool, Pre-K, & Kindergarten programs at

Holy Cross Catholic School!

*CHANCE TO WIN \$250 OFF TUITION!

Activities: School tours, s'mores, hot chocolate, sensory bins, story telling, & indoor snowball fights!

RSVP at https://holycrossschool.net/ open-house

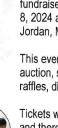
*RSVP not required, but used for general count





SATURDAY

RIDGES AT SAND CREEK IORDAN, MN DOORS OPEN AT 5:30



SAVE THE DATE: Crusader Celebration Saturday, February 8, 2025

Holy Cross is hosting a school fundraiser on Saturday, February 8, 2024 at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan, MN.

This event consists of a live auction, silent auction, games, raffles, dinner, and so much more!

Tickets will go on sale in January and there will be more information available as we draw near to the date of the event.

Save the dates for Extreme Fath Camp 2025 June 29 - July 3rd, 2025, at Trinity Woods near Trego, WI

Please save the dates for camp and add EFC to your Christmas gift wish list. We would love to have all our middle and high school youth at camp for a week of fun with friends, while encountering the Beauty of the

Catholic Faith. More details to come about registration and price. If you have questions, contact Mary Rose Rynda at the IC Parish Office at office@icchurch.cc



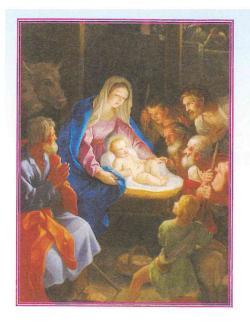
Fr. Michael Skluzacek grew up here at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale and was ordained in 1980. Fr. VanDenBroeke served under him in his first assignment as a priest. Fr. Skluzacek invites you to join him on an upcoming pilgrimage he is leading. We encourage you to consider joining him for this exciting opportunity!

Pilgrimage to Poland & Lithuania

I invite you to join me on a pilgrimage to Poland and Lithuania July 1-12, 2025. The theme is Divine Mercy, St. John Paul II, Mary and the saints. We will visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Krakow, sites from the life of St. John Paul II. Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko and other saints, the Hill of Crosses and the original painting of Divine Mercy in Lithuania, the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, and many more amazing sites. There will be two priests besides myself: Fr. Theodore Campbell and Fr. Julian Druffner. All-inclusive or land-only options available. For more information and to register, please visit Mater Dei Tours at: www.materdeitours.com or call: 608-440-3700. Fr. Michael Skluzacek



to provide shoveling services this year, only plowing service. So, we are looking to hire some snow shovelers who would come any time it snows. Especially early mornings before Mass. We would provide the shovels and snowblowers. If you have an interest, please let me know!



Worship Christ, The Newborn King

2024 Poinsettia Memorials

A sincere **thank you** to all who donated to the flowers. Please keep Memorial Names in your prayers.

With love from...
The Mary Bartusek Family
Russ & Joan Huber, Jim & Marlys Freid
Jim & Marlys Freid
Rosemary Jirak
Delores Kalina
Charles & Patricia LeFebvre and family
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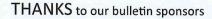
Russ & Deb Sirek
Vern Skluzacek family
Jane Skluzacek Family
The Jirik and Skluzacek Families
Don Sticha Family
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Betty Vosejpka Wayne & Jean Vosejpka; Darrell & Sharon Vosejpka

In Memory of:.. Mary Bartusek Edward, Helen & Carleen Skluzacek Louis, Evelyn Freid & Luke Freid Sheets Edwin and Robert Jirak Richard L Kalina & Karen and Gerald Neisen, & Kalina Families James & Mary Kubes, Marlene Kubes Jayne, Debbie, Duane and Danny Clarence & Andrew Malecha, Frank & Lillian Malecha Family and Frank & Rose Salaba Family The John & Ludmilla Marek Family and the Norbert Deutsch Family Francis & Ida McFadden, Cecil & Helen Pagel, Michael & Marie Pahr Francis and Marion Tuma, Laurie (Tuma) Rumpza, and Dave Miller **Bob Neisen** Adolph & Rose Voracek, William & Mary Novak Ray & Ann Simon, Darl Rah Richard Sevcik, Kathy Sevcik, Jerry Sevcik, Larry Sevcik, Joan Sevcik, Heidi Jentink, Marvin Way, Rita Way, Gary Flicek Larry & Mary Jo Sirek, Dan Tikalsky Sr, Dan Tikalsky Jr. Sheri Skluzacek Jack Skluzacek

Inez and George Jirik and Lisa Skluzacek
Grace Sticha; Wm. J & Ludy Sticha; Myles & Bessie Sevcik
Ronald Sticha, Kimberly El-Wailli
Doreen Love, Bohumil & Jeanette Sticha
and Fritz & Mary Jane Vosejpka
Harold Vosejpka, Rachael Vosejpka, Joseph & Emma Marek
Bohumil & Jeanette Sticha, Fritz & Mary Jane Vosejpka,
Elizabeth & Johnny Sticha

The arrangement of greens in front of the pulpit is in memory of Joe S. & Ceil Malecha and Leonard & Irene Horejsi from the Al and Barb Malecha and family.



Please support them!



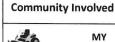


Featured Business of the Week



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507-744-2655 Milton@fcsla.com

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Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women Women making a difference in our families, our parish and our community since 1905. For more information, contact the parish office.

If you would like to advertise in our bulletin, please call the parish office at 507-744-2829 or email office@icchurch.cc.