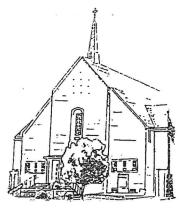


The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



Mailing / Parish Office Address: 202 Alabama Street SE

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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
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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 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Gaudium et Spes – Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (Part 6)

Part II – Some Problems of Special Urgency Chapter I – Fostering the Nobility of Marriage and the Family

- 47. The well-being of the individual person and of human and Christian society is intimately linked with the healthy condition of that community produced by marriage and family.
- 48. For God himself is the author of matrimony.

By their very nature, the institution of matrimony itself and conjugal love are ordained for the procreation and education of children, and find in them their ultimate crown. Thus a man and a woman, who by their compact of conjugal love "are no longer two, but one flesh" (Matt. 19:ff), render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions. Through this union they experience the meaning of their oneness and attain to it with growing perfection day by day. As a mutual gift of two persons, this intimate union and the good of the children impose total fidelity on the spouses and argue for an unbreakable oneness between them.

Christ the Lord abundantly blessed this many-faceted love, welling up as it does from the fountain of divine love and structured as it is on the model of His union with His Church. For as God of old made Himself present to His people through a covenant of love and fidelity, so now the Savior of men and the Spouse of the Church comes into the lives of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony. He abides with them thereafter so that just as He loved the Church and handed Himself over on her behalf, the spouses may love each other with perpetual fidelity through mutual self-bestowal.

Authentic married love is caught up into divine love and is governed and enriched by Christ's redeeming power and the saving activity of the Church, so that this love may lead the spouses to God with powerful effect and may aid and strengthen them in sublime office of being a father or a mother. For this reason Christian spouses have a special sacrament by which they are fortified and receive a kind of consecration in the duties and dignity of their state. By virtue of this sacrament, as spouses fulfil their conjugal and family obligation, they are penetrated with the spirit of Christ, which suffuses their whole lives with faith, hope and charity. Thus they increasingly advance the perfection of their own personalities, as well as their mutual sanctification, and hence contribute jointly to the glory of God.

As a result, with their parents leading the way by example and family prayer, children and indeed everyone gathered around the family hearth will find a readier path to human maturity, salvation and holiness. Graced with the dignity and office of fatherhood and motherhood, parents will energetically acquit themselves of a duty which devolves primarily on them, namely education and especially religious education.

As living members of the family, children contribute in their own way to making their parents holy. For they will respond to the kindness of their parents with sentiments of gratitude, with love and trust. They will stand by them as children should when hardships overtake their parents and old age brings its loneliness. Widowhood, accepted bravely as a continuation of the marriage vocation, should be esteemed by all. Families too will share their spiritual riches generously with other families. Thus the Christian family, which springs from marriage as a reflection of the loving covenant uniting Christ with the Church, and as a participation in that covenant, will manifest to all men Christ's living presence in the world, and the genuine nature of the Church. This the family will do by the mutual love of the spouses, by their generous fruitfulness, their solidarity and faithfulness, and by the loving way in which all members of the family assist one another.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception Church

is open from 7 am until sundown daily for prayer.

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	Dec. 30	Monday No Mass
	Dec. 31 5:00 PM 11:45 pm	Tuesday - St. Sylvester (c) No morning Mass All of our Parishioners All of our Parishioners
	Jan. 1 9:00 AM	Wednesday - Mary, Mother of God All of our Parishioners
	Jan. 2 6:30 AM	Thursday - St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzus (M)
	Jan. 3 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday - First Friday - Most Holy name of Jesus (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Nivia Texidor Weiss †
	Jan. 4 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	Saturday - First Saturday - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (M) Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	Confessions Crew Robert †
	Jan. 5	Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord

CONFESSIONS are heard in the confessionals inside the Church.

All of our Parishioners

(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.

<u>LECTORS</u>		
Tuesday, December 31	4PM - Mary Sibenaller	11:45PM - Volunteers
Wednesday, January 1	9AM - Cathy Mikel	
Saturday, January 4	5PM - Tom Thorman	
Sunday, January 5	8AM - Jackson Simon	10AM - Milton Trnka
SERVERS		
Tuesday, December 31	4PM - Durbin	11:45PM - Volunteers
Wednesday, January 1	9AM - Volunteers	
Saturday, January 4	5PM - Volunteers	
Sunday, January 5	8AM - Simon	10AM - Deutsch
SACRISTANS		
Tuesday, December 31	4PM - Roxie Crow	11:45PM - Mary Rose Rynda
Wednesday, January 1	9AM - Cathy Mikel	11.451 W - Waly Rose Ryllda
Wednesday, January 1	JAW - Cally Wike	

Holy Family Sunday: #1017 in Red Book

1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17, Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: #1020 in Red Book 1st Reading: Numbers 6:22-27, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3,5, 6 and 8, 2nd Reading: Galatians 4:4-7, Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

masstimes.org MASS TIMES FOR

5PM - Tom Thorman

8AM - Mary Rose Rynda 10AM - Mary Rose Rynda



Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

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 22, 2024 and Christmas

Weekly giving:	Weekly budgeted:	Weekly Over (Under):
\$ 6,829	\$ 5,490	\$ 1,339
Christmas giving:	Christmas budgeted:	Christmas Over (Under):
\$ 7,747	\$ 11,000	\$ (3,253)
YTD giving:	YTD budgeted:	YTD Over (Under):
\$ 142,050	\$ 150,250	\$ (8,200)

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.



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

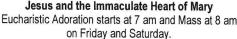
Christmas Books



This year for Christmas we gave out the book Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. There are still some copies left for pick up in the back of church. This is an amazing book to read. So please take a book home to read and pass it along to family or friends. Please limit 1 per family.



This week is a First Friday and First Saturday* in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary





*Rosary and Confessions will follow morning Mass on Saturday.



Capital Campaign Update Total cash collected \$781,239.96 Donated materials \$75,791.07 Outstanding pledges \$328,506.26

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,185,537.29 Number of individuals/families who have contributed 177 Percentage of parish families who have contributed 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.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

Betty Vosejpka 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

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

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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. 29 - Rev. Mark Juettner

Dec. 30 - Rev. Thomas Kadera

Dec. 31 - Abp. Bernard Hebda, Auxbp. Michael Izen and Auxbp. Kevin Kenny

Jan. 1 - Pope Francis

Jan. 2 - Rev. Nick VanDenBroeke

Jan. 3 - Richard Kaley

Jan. 4 - Rev. Michael Kaluza

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. 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.

January Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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.



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

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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 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 soon. 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!



New angels

Some of you have noticed that the angels in the sanctuary look just a little bit different. Good eye! The angels in the sanctuary were recently redone to be more permanent.

The angels that were up were simply printed on our office printer, taped together, and taped to the wall. These new angels are real paint on canvas that has been glued to the wall, so they will last for a very long time. The coloring of the new angels is just slightly different than the originals.

I want to thank AI and Barb Malecha for donating towards this project in honor of Joe T. and Ceil Malecha.

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 Angle at angleshop@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



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!

Religious Education

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.

Pastor's column continued...

49. Especially in the heart of their own families, young people should be aptly and seasonably instructed in the dignity, duty and work of married love. Trained thus in the cultivation of chastity, they will be able at a suitable age to enter a marriage of their own after an honorable courtship.

50. Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the begetting and educating of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute very substantially to the welfare of their parents.

[God,] wishing to share with man a certain special participation in His own creative work, blessed male and female, saying: "Increase and multiply" (Gen. 1:28). Parents should regard as their proper mission the task of transmitting human life and educating those to whom it has been transmitted. They should realize that they are thereby cooperators with the love of God the Creator, and are, so to speak, the interpreters of that love.

52. The family is a kind of school of deeper humanity.

The active presence of the father is highly beneficial to their formation. The children, especially the younger among them, need the care of their mother at home. This domestic role of hers must be safely preserved, though the legitimate social progress of women should not be underrated on that account.

Children should be so educated that as adults they can follow their vocation, including a religious one, with a mature sense of responsibility and can choose their state of life.

Thus the family...is the foundation of society.

It devolves on priests duly trained about family matters to nurture the vocation of spouses by a variety of pastoral means, by preaching God's word, by liturgical worship, and by other spiritual aids to conjugal and family life; to sustain them sympathetically and patiently in difficulties, and to make them courageous through love, so that families which are truly illustrious can be formed.

Finally, let the spouses themselves, made to the image of the living God and enjoying the authentic dignity of persons, be joined to one another in equal affection, harmony of mind and the work of mutual sanctification. Thus, following Christ who is the principle of life, by the sacrifices and joys of their vocation and through their faithful love, married people can become witnesses of the mystery of love which the Lord revealed to the world by His dying and His rising up to life again.

You are in my daily prayers. God bless you, Fr. VanDenBroeke

Snow Shovelers needed

Our snow removal service informed us that they will not be able 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!

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

Holy Cross Catholic School!

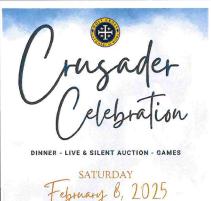
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RSVP at https://holycrossschool.net/open-house

*RSVP not required, but used for general count





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



All sessions are held at Holy Cross Catholic School, 6100 37th St W. Webster



SAVE THE DATES! June 21 - 27, 2025

Cana Dinner

JAN. 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Day Sessions: Students entering grades 1-6: Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27, 9 am - 2:30 pm

Evening Sessions: Students entering grades 7-12: Sunday, June 22 - Thursday, June 26, 6:30 pm 8:45 pm

Same for 41

Cana Dinner

January 25, 2025

at 6pm in the St. Nicholas Church basement.

You are warmly invited to an enjoyable evening

with other couples to celebrate the joy of marriage. All engaged couples, married couples, widows, and widowers are welcome to join us.

Guest Speaker: Justin Stroh,

The evening includes: Social Time, Dinner and Marriage blessing.

Deadline to register is January 12th. Cost is \$80 per couple. Tickets may be purchased from Greg and Debbie Fischer (952-201-7039) or Jay and Julie Ostergaard (952-242-4852) or the St Nicholas Parish Office.

Please make checks payable to the Knights of Columbus.



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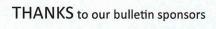
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