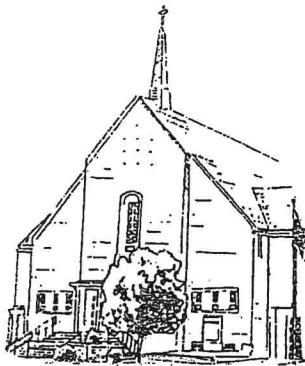




The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Closed
Tuesday through Friday
9 am - 12 pm
Afternoon hours on Friday
1 pm - 4 pm

Mailing / Parish Office Address:
202 Alabama Street SE

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116 Alabama Street SE
Lonsdale, MN. 55046
507-744-2829
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icchurch.cc

Pastor
Father Nick VanDenBroeke
frvandenbroeke@icchurch.cc

Office Manager: Mary Rose Rynda
Music Ministry: Justin Merritt
Custodian: Maria Miller

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 or see the website icchurch.cc/parishregistration/ for more information.



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.lnmvre.net or contact the Parish Office.

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

December 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

The word, the wisdom of God, was made flesh

In honor of the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, for today's pastor's column, I'd like to share a sermon from Saint Peter Chrysologus on Jesus and his Incarnation.

Merry Christmas!

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

The holy Apostle has told us that the human race takes its origin from two men, Adam and Christ; two men equal in body but unequal in merit, wholly alike in their physical structure but totally unlike in the very origin of their being. The first man, Adam, he says, became a living soul, the last Adam a life-giving spirit.

The first Adam was made by the last Adam, from whom he also received his soul, to give him life. The last Adam was formed by his own action; he did not have to wait for life to be given him by someone else, but was the only one who could give life to all. The first Adam was formed from valueless clay, the second Adam came forth from the precious womb of the Virgin. In the case of the first Adam, earth was changed into flesh; in the case of the second Adam, flesh was raised up to be God.

What more need be said? The second Adam stamped his image on the first Adam when he created him. That is why he took on himself the role, and the name, of the first Adam, in order that he might not lose what he had made in his own image. The first Adam, the last Adam; the first had a beginning, the last knows no end. The last Adam is indeed the first; as he himself says: I am the first and the last.

I am the first, that is, I have no beginning. I am the last, that is, I have no end. But what was spiritual, says the Apostle, did not come first; what was living came first, then what is spiritual. The earth comes before its fruit, but the earth is not so valuable as its fruit. The earth exacts pain and toil; its fruit bestows subsistence and life. The prophet rightly boasted of this fruit: Our earth has yielded its fruit. What is this fruit? The fruit referred to in another place: I will place upon your throne one who is the fruit of your body. The first man, says the Apostle, was made from the earth and belongs to the earth; the second man is from heaven, and belongs to heaven.

The man made from the earth is the pattern of those who belong to the earth; the man from heaven is the pattern of those who belong to heaven. How is it that these last, though they do not belong to heaven by birth, will yet belong to heaven, men who do not remain what they were by birth but persevere in being what they have become by rebirth? The reason is, brethren, that the heavenly Spirit, by the mysterious infusion of his light, gives fertility to the womb of the virginal font. The Spirit brings forth as men belonging to heaven those whose earthly ancestry brought them forth as men belonging to the earth, and in a condition of wretchedness; he gives them the likeness of their Creator. Now that we are reborn, refashioned in the image of our Creator, we must fulfill what the Apostle commands: So, as we have worn the likeness of the man of earth, let us also wear the likeness of the man of heaven.

Now that we are reborn, as I have said, in the likeness of our Lord, and have indeed been adopted by God as his children, let us put on the complete image of our Creator so as to be wholly like him, not in the glory that he alone possesses, but in innocence, simplicity, gentleness, patience, humility, mercy, harmony, those qualities in which he chose to become, and to be, one with us.

BULLETIN – December 21, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Immaculate Conception Church is open from 7 am until sundown daily for prayer.

Dec. 22	Monday	No Mass
Dec. 23	Tuesday - St. John of Kanty, priest (c)	
7:00 AM	Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
8:00 AM	Timothy Kaczmarek †	
Dec. 24	Wednesday - Christmas Eve (No morning Mass)	
4:00 PM	All of our Parishioners	
10:00 PM	All of our Parishioners	
Dec. 25	Thursday - The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day	
9:00 AM	All of our Parishioners	
Dec. 26	Friday St. Stephen, the First Martyr (F)	
	No Mass	
Dec. 27	Saturday - St. John, apostle and evangelist (F)	
4:00-4:45 PM	Confessions	
5:00 PM*	Francis and Marion Tuma, Dave Miller, Laurie (Tuma) Rumpza †	
Dec. 28	Sunday - 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

CONFESIONS - are heard in the confessional 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.

LECTORS
Wednesday, Dec. 24 4PM - Cathy Mikel 10PM - Joe Miller
Thursday, Dec. 25 9AM - Amy Zasoski
Saturday, Dec. 27 5PM - Tim Rud
Sunday, Dec. 28 8AM - Milo Simon 10AM - Brian Wermerskirchen

SERVERS
Wednesday, Dec. 24 4PM - Durbin, Rynda 10PM - Simon, all servers
Thursday, Dec. 25 9AM - Bastyr, Deutsch, all servers
Saturday, Dec. 27 5PM - volunteer
Sunday, Dec. 28 8AM - Simon 10AM - Deutsch

SACRISTANS
Wednesday, Dec. 24 4PM - Cathy Mikel 10PM - Roxie Crow
Thursday, Dec. 25 9AM - June Myers
Saturday, Dec. 27 5PM - AJ Miller
Sunday, Dec. 28 8AM and 10AM - Mary Rose Rynda

4th Sunday of Advent: #1010 in Red Book

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:1-2,3-4ab,5-6,
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7, Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: #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: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Go to Masstimes.org for Mass times when traveling



We invite families to bring up the gifts at Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church where you can jot down your family name before Mass begins to sign-up to bring up the gifts at that Mass. (The gifts sign-up sheet is the same as the usher sign-up 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 it financially. In case you missed it, we encourage you to listen to Fr. VanDenBroeke's homily on Tithing found on our website.

COLLECTION, December 14, 2025

Weekly giving: \$ 4,459	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,353	Weekly Over (Under): \$ (894)
YTD giving: \$ 118,833	YTD budgeted: \$ 130,472	YTD Over (Under): \$ (11,639)

Cemetery - \$25.00

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 than one collection, please write a separate check for each envelope.

This will help with our accounting process.

Thank you for your generosity.

*Merry
Christmas*

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, Justin and Maria



Retirement Fund for Religious
Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer and ministry - educating the young, tending the sick, and aiding the needy, and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a profound shortage in retirement savings. Your support of the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish care, medicine, and other necessities. Please give generously to this collection. There is an envelope in your giving packet.



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,104,843.96

Donated materials \$75,791.07

Outstanding pledges \$166,516.74

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$1,348,292.62

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 197

Percentage of parish families who have contributed 50%

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 11:30am

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
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TO SCHEDULE EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

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Apple Valley, MN 55124 - 952-997-2229 www.mypregnancychoices.com

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Healing hurting and broken marriages
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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Dec. 21 - Rev. Timothy Dolan

Dec. 22 - Rev. Robert Dow

Dec. 23 - Rev. John Drees

Dec. 24 - Rev. William Duffert

Dec. 25 - Rev. Thomas Dufner

Dec. 26 - Rev. DePorres Durham

Dec. 27 - Rev. Gerald Dvorak

Lord Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and living perpetually among us through Your Priests, grant that the words of Your Priests may be only Your words, that their gestures be only Your gestures, and that their lives be a true reflection of Your life. Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of His people, and speak to His people of God. Grant that they be courageous in service, serving the Church as she asks to be served. Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time, traveling on the paths of history in Your steps, and doing good for all. Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments, zealous in their vocation and mission, clear mirrors of their own identity, and living the joy of the gift they have received. We pray that Your Holy Mother, Mary, present throughout Your life, may be ever present in the life of Your Priests. Amen O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen.

December Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and 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.



The choir will sing for Christmas at the 10 p.m.

Mass on Christmas Eve.



Everyone is welcome to sing or play an instrument, even if you have never sung or played in a choir before.

No age limits (either direction), and you don't need to read music.

To get music or to ask a question, contact Justin either by email (justin@icchurch.cc) or stop by the organ after Mass.

Practice will be on Sundays after 10 am
Mass:
Dec. 7, 14 and 21.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th

4 pm and 10 pm*

*Carols start at 9:30pm

Thursday, December 25th at 9 am



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Parish Office will be closed
December 24, 25 and 26, 2025 and January 1, 2026

Please note, for a donation to be counted in 2025
they must be received on or before December 31st, 2025.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1ST

The Mass schedule for this solemnity:
Wednesday, December 31st - 4 pm
Thursday, January 1st - 9am

This is a holy day of obligation.



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KC Corner

The Knights of Columbus meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.

All men 18 or older who wish to join IC Council #16225 contact Paul Simon 612-221-1408 or Email lonsdale.kofc@gmail.com

PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO JOINING THE KNIGHTS!



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

If you are willing to be a substitute catechist, classroom aid or help at the front desk during class, please contact Irene Schultz at LNMVRE@holycrossschool.net. We would appreciate the help.

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 28, 6:30 to 8 pm.

We invite all ladies in 6th-12 grade to join our Fiat group. We will be meeting 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.

Contact Mary Rose with questions at maryroser@holycrossschool.net

JANUARY STUDY GROUP

BIBLE STUDY



at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall

Focus: Matthew 17-28

Thursdays at 10:30 am or 6:30 pm

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Come as you are able. Bring your bible with you. This is a continuation of the fall study, led by Deb Sirek.

If you are jumping in now, please sign up in the back of the church so Deb can add you to her list for sending details.

She will continue to send details to those who were on the list for this study from the fall group.

Snow Shovelers needed

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! And we can discuss what hourly wage would be reasonable.



PICKUP VOLLEYBALL

AT THE IC PARISH HALL GYM

Friday Nights

6:30 pm - 8 pm

Jan. 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13

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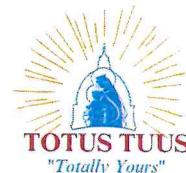
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Thank you to all that came to the Holy Cross Nativity Concert!



SAVE THE DATES!
June 14 - 19, 2026

Save the dates for Extreme Faith Camp 2026

July 5th - 10th, 2026, 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. Adult and teen leaders/prayer teamers will be headed to EFC on July 5th and campers will be there July 6th through July 10th.

More details to come about out later about registration and price.

If you have questions, contact Mary Rose Rynda at the IC Parish Office at office@icchurch.cc

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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.

THANK YOU FOR PRAYERFULLY CONSIDERING THE CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN YOUR CHARITABLE GIVING.

PARISH OFFICE



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2025 Poinsettia Memorials

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

From:

Kristofor and Karen Anderson
The Mary Bartusek Family
David and Charlotte Flicek
Jim and Marlys Freid
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Rosemary Jirak
The Jirik and Skluzacek Families
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Heidi Barta, Marvin Way, Rita Way, Gary Flicek
Larry and Mary Jo Sirek, Dan and Helen Tikalsky
Adrian Skluzacek and Family Members
Ronald Sticha, Kimberly El-Wailli
Grace Sticha; Wm. J and Ludy Sticha;
Myles J. and Bessie Sevcik
Bohumil and Jeanette Sticha,
Francis and Mary Jane Vosejpk,
Elizabeth and Johnny Sticha
Harold Vosejpk, Rachael Vosejpk,
Joseph and Emma Marek
Lester and John Wellentin,
Lester Sr, Pearl and Mildred Wellentin,
Thomas and Leona Connelly, Steve Honzay,
Thomas Moravec

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



Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

Pancake Breakfast & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Janurary 25th

8:00 AM - Noon

with school tours beginning at 9am

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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S CRUSADE CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE

DENIUM & Diamonds

SATURDAY APRIL 18th

THE RUSTIC FARMER - MONTGOMERY, MN

Pancake Breakfast Hosted by: Lonsdale Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus



Holy Cross Happenings

Holy Cross Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in education and is committed to helping each student grow into the person that God has called them to be. Our values-based, comprehensive curriculum includes innovative academics, mastery of skills and content, spiritual and character development, joyful service, and active participation in the mission of the Church.

Parish Edition

December2025

A Christmas Message from Holy Cross Catholic School

As the season of Advent draws us closer to Christmas, we would like to take a moment to pause, reflect, and extend our heartfelt gratitude to our parish communities. This time of year invites us to slow down, to notice the blessings around us, and to remember the true reason for the season—the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are incredibly thankful to everyone who joined us for our Make Way Nativity Concert. What a beautiful evening it was, filled with joyful hearts, meaningful music, and a powerful reminder of the Nativity story. Watching our students share the message of Christ's birth through song and storytelling was both humbling and inspiring. Moments like these remind us why Catholic education matters so deeply—faith is not just taught, but lived and shared.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs. McDonald, whose dedication, patience, and passion brought this concert to life. Her commitment to our students and her ability to guide them in sharing the story of Jesus in such a meaningful way is truly a gift to our school and community. We are so blessed to have teachers who pour their hearts into helping our students grow not only academically, but spiritually as well.

As Christmas approaches, we are mindful that this season can feel both joyful and busy. Between the traditions, the gatherings, and the constant movement of daily life, we are reminded of the importance of creating space for quiet reflection. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts—to make room for Christ in the midst of our celebrations, our challenges, and our everyday moments.

Holy Cross Catholic School is deeply grateful for the ongoing support, prayers, and encouragement we receive from our parish communities. Your partnership allows us to continue our mission of forming students in faith, service, and love. We do not take for granted the role our parishes play in nurturing a strong, faith-filled school community, and we are thankful for the shared commitment we have to raising children rooted in Christ.

As we celebrate Christmas, may your homes be filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of God's presence. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your families and guide you into the new year with hope and renewed faith.

From all of us at Holy Cross Catholic School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family.

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