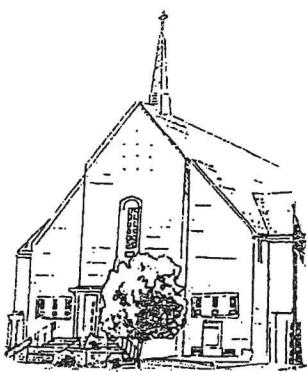




The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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
OFFICE 952-652-6100 www.holycrossschool.net
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 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.
Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."*

The Christmas Crèche

The word crèche means manger or crib, and refers to the Nativity Scene that we setup for Christmas to honor Jesus' birth.

St. Francis of Assisi is attributed as having setup the first Christmas crèche in the year 1233. St. Bonaventure wrote this about St. Francis: "The man of God, filled with tender love, stood before the manger, bathed in tears, and overflowing with joy."

Setting up the Christmas Crèche is a wonderful tradition that has been handed down to us, and not only does every Catholic Church in the world now display a Christmas Crèche, but most Catholic households do as well, either inside their home or outside or both. Growing up, setting up the Nativity Scene was always a great highlight for us as kids as we prepared for Christmas.

Here at Immaculate Conception, we have two beautiful Crèches – one inside the church and one outside. You will notice that this year we moved the location of the Crèche inside the church. I decided to do this to respect the liturgical guidelines regarding the location of the Crèche.

The Book of Blessings states: "If the manger is set up in the church, it must not be placed in the presbytery [sanctuary]. A place should be chosen that is suitable for prayer and devotion and is easily accessible by the faithful."

In past years, the Crèche has been placed directly in front of the altar, making it the most prominent thing in the sanctuary. However, even though the Christmas Crèche is a beautiful tradition, it is an object of devotion and not something that is part of the Mass itself, that is why it should not distract from the focus of the Mass and the centrality of the altar. This is why the Church asks us not to setup the Crèche in the sanctuary. The new location is still very prominent, but does not take the attention away from the altar.

Finally, just a reminder that the 12 days of Christmas aren't the days leading up to Christmas, but rather begin on Christmas day. The Christmas season used to go exactly 12 days – from December 25th to January 6th – when the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord was always celebrated on January 6th. Now, however, the feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on the Sunday after January 1st, and the season of Christmas usually goes another full week to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually the 2nd Sunday after January 1st (this year it is on January 11th). I encourage you to keep your Christmas decorations and lights up and lit for the full Christmas season!

You are in my daily prayers.

God bless you,
Fr. VanDenBroeke



BULLETIN – December 28, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Dec. 29	<u>Monday - St. Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr (c)</u> No Mass
Dec. 30 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Martha and John Groos †
Dec. 31 7:00 AM 8:00 AM 4:00 PM	<u>Wednesday - St. Sylvester I, pope (c)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament All of our Parishioners
Jan. 1 9:00 AM	<u>Thursday - Mary, Mother of God</u> All of our Parishioners
Jan. 2 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzus (M)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Harry Volkmann and Lucy Braegelmann
Jan. 3 4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<u>Saturday - First Friday - Most Holy name of Jesus (m)</u> Confessions Rosemary Sevcik †
Jan. 4 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	<u>Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord</u> All of our Parishioners

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. 31	4PM - Emma Sickmann
Thursday, Jan. 1	9AM - Cathy Mikel
Saturday, Jan. 3	5PM - Amy Zasoski
Sunday, Jan. 4	8AM - Joe Miller
	10AM - Milton Trnka

SERVERS

Wednesday, Dec. 31	4PM - volunteer
Thursday, Jan. 1	9AM - volunteer
Saturday, Jan. 3	5PM - Durbin
Sunday, Jan. 4	8AM - Rynda
	10AM - Deutsch

SACRISTANS

Wednesday, Dec. 31	4PM - Mary Rose Rynda
Thursday, Jan. 1	9AM - Cathy Mikel
Saturday, Jan. 3	5PM - Roxie Crow
Sunday, Jan. 4	8AM - Susie Johnson
	10AM - Cathy Mikel

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

Epiphany of the Lord:

#1021 in Red Book
1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



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 21, 2025

Weekly giving: \$ 10,216	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,353	Weekly Over (Under): \$ 4,863
YTD giving: \$ 129,049	YTD budgeted: \$ 135,825	YTD Over (Under): \$ (6,776)
Cemetery - \$100.00		
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

Parish Office will be closed
January 1, 2026

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



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,108,100.96

Donated materials \$75,791.07

Outstanding pledges \$161,770.90

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$1,349,859.62

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 198

Percentage of parish families who have contributed 51%

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
<https://www.facebook.com/ICLonsdale>

TO SCHEDULE EVENTS IN THE PARISH HALL

Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

CEMETERY BOARD

Jim Prchal 507-744-2779

PARISH TRUSTEES and FINANCE COUNCIL

Dave Stepka 612-328-2944
Milton Trnka 507-744-2655

ALTAR FLOWERS

Betty Vosejpk, 507-744-2130

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Delores Kalina 507-744-2709

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

(Fridays after 8am Mass) in the Parish Hall
Shirley Trnka 507-744-2728

OUR LADY'S ROSARY MAKERS

(Wed. 1 pm) in the Parish Hall
Joan Trnka 507-744-2220

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ASSOC. (FCSLA)

Milton Trnka 507-744-2655

matrnka72@gmail.com



PRO - LIFE. PRO - MARRIAGE.

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



PROJECT RACHEL

[for women and men]. For confidential post-abortion care, 651-291-4515 hopeafterabortion.com or see also www.rachelsvineyard.org

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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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

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. 507-334-7448
www.irisRemembers.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage enrichment for good marriages to great.
<https://twincitieswwme.org/>

RETRouveille

Healing hurting and broken marriages
<https://helpourmarriage.org/>

ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Dec. 28 - Rev. Isaac Ebeigbe

Dec. 29 - Rev. Douglas Ebert

Dec. 30 - Rev. John Echert

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

Jan. 1 - Pope Leo XIV

Jan. 2 - Rev. Nick VanDenBroeke

Jan. 3 - Rev. Edwin Nyuydine

Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to all they meet. Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus. Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, so that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen.

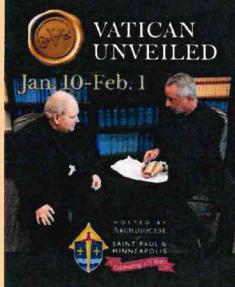
December Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

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.



Archbishop Bernard Hebda invites you to Vatican Unveiled!

Vatican Unveiled is coming to the Mall of America

Jan. 10 - Feb. 1, 2026

Vatican Unveiled is the largest collection of papal artifacts outside of Rome.

The Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis is hosting an exhibit of this unique, historical collection to celebrate our 175th anniversary in this community.

Attendees will experience interesting historical perspectives, artistic items with old-world craftsmanship, and papal artifacts that show the humanity behind the leaders.

Visit archspm.org/vaticanunveiled to learn more and purchase your tickets!



Did you know, every calendar month has a designated focus? Have you tried to grow with these devotions? Dig in and learn something about our Catholic Faith through the focus of the month.

January
The Holy Name of Jesus

February
The Holy Family

March
St. Joseph

April
The Holy Eucharist

May
The Blessed Virgin Mary

June
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

July
The Precious Blood of Jesus

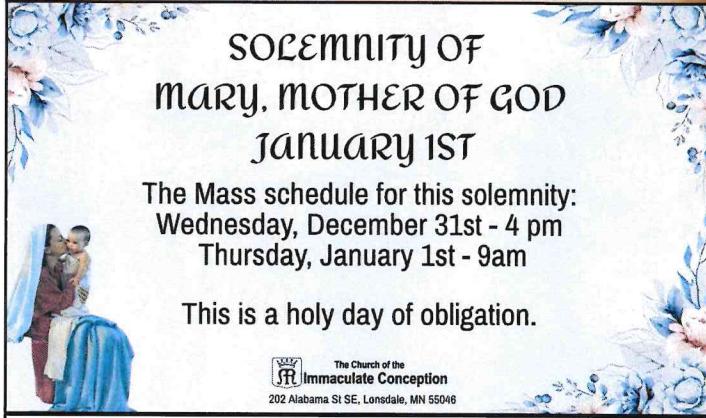
August
The Immaculate Heart of Mary

September
The Sorrowful Mother

October
The Holy Rosary

November
The Holy Souls in Purgatory

December
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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!

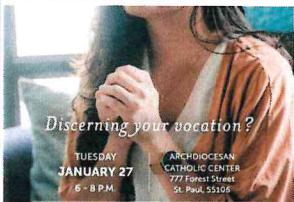
For more information contact Angie at angieshop@msn.com

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



Miriam Dinner

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 6-8 p.m.,
Archdiocesan Catholic Center, St. Paul

The Miriam Dinner, hosted by Archbishop Hebda and Father Mark Pavlak, director of vocations, is an event for women ages 16-35 who are discerning consecrated life. It is

typical for women discerners to be accompanied by their pastor, consecrated religious, or youth minister. Find more *information* and registration on the *Vocations* page. Or talk with Mary Rose at the parish office.



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

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.

**PICKUP
VOLLEYBALL**
AT THE IC PARISH HALL GYM
Friday Nights
6:30 pm - 8 pm
Jan. 23, 30 Feb. 6, 13

Equal playing time Registration Fee: free will offering

Open to IC parishioners and friends 13yrs+

~ youth must be with a parent~

Have questions?

Email Cassy Simon at cassysimon79@gmail.com



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Catholic Schools Week Kickoff

Pancake Breakfast & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Janurary 25th

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with school tours beginning at 9am

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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.**

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A PLANNED GIFT YOU ARE INVITED TO
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. YOUR
CALL OR E-MAIL IS WELCOME!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD JANUARY 1ST

The Mass schedule for this solemnity:

Wednesday, December 31st - 4 pm

Thursday, January 1st - 9am

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



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