



The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary

April 12, 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday

Have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In his revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus himself asked that this special feast be celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter to show its connection with his saving death and resurrection. Jesus revealed that he wanted this great feast of mercy to be celebrated each year as a way of experiencing his mercy in a special and powerful way.



The image of Divine Mercy is that of Jesus after his resurrection, as we read in the Gospel today, when Jesus appears to his apostles in the Upper Room.

In the image, Jesus has his hand raised both in blessing and in absolving (think of how the priest raises his hand for a blessing, and similarly as he says the prayer of absolution in confession). This is a beautiful reminder to us that every time a priest blesses, it is Christ himself who blesses; and every time the priest says the words of absolution, it is Christ himself who absolves our sins.

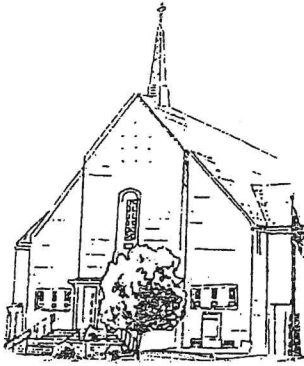
Further, the image shows rays coming from Jesus heart. One ray is red, symbolizing the blood that flowed from his side on the cross, and also is a symbol of the Eucharist by which Christ continues to feed our souls. The other ray is "pale" (or sometimes shown as blue), which is a symbol of the water that flowed from Jesus' side on the cross, and is also a symbol of baptism. Baptism is our first experience of the mercy of God sacramentally, when our sins are washed away, and we are made members of the Body of Christ.

Jesus has made great promises to us about Divine Mercy Sunday. He said that if we go to confession (within about 20 days before or after the feast), receive Holy Communion, and pray the Divine Mercy chaplet, we are able to receive a plenary indulgence. A plenary indulgence compliments the sacrament of confession, for, in confession, our sins are forgiven, and a plenary indulgence is the remission of the punishment due to sin which has already been absolved. In short, our souls are made clean again like they were through baptism. How beautiful is God's mercy!

Jesus said, "Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy."

And about the Sacrament of Confession, Jesus said: "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls."

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



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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: Maria Miller

Office Assistant: Annie Rynda

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.



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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.lnmvire.net or contact the Parish Office.

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Apr. 13	<u>Monday - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr (m)</u> No Mass
Apr. 14	<u>Tuesday</u> 7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM Marion J. Tuma †
Apr. 15	<u>Wednesday</u> 7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM Mary Stibal †
Apr. 16	<u>Thursday</u> 6:30 AM Ozzie and Dorothy Vogel †
Apr. 17	<u>Friday</u> 7:00 AM Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM Delphine Kaczmarek †
Apr. 18	<u>Saturday</u> 4:00- 4:45 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Jim Kalina †
Apr. 19	<u>Sunday - Third Sunday of Easter</u> 8:00 AM Adrian Skluzacek † 10:00 AM All of our Parishioners

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.


LECTORS
Saturday, Apr. 18 5PM - Amy Zasoski
Sunday, Apr. 19 8AM - Milo Simon
10AM - Brian Wermerskirchen


SERVERS
Saturday, Apr. 18 5PM - Durbin
Sunday, Apr. 19 8AM - Rynda
10AM - Bastyr


SACRISTANS
Saturday, Apr. 18 5PM - AJ Miller
Sunday, Apr. 19 8AM - Mary Rose Rynda and Stella Simon
10AM - Kari, Miranda and Savannah Witt

Divine Mercy Sunday: #1081 in Red Book
1st Reading: Acts 2:42-27, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24,
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Gospel: John 20:19-31

3RD Sunday of Easter: #1082 in Red Book
1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11,
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21, Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

 [Go to Masstimes.org](http://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, April 5, 2026

Weekly giving: \$ 11,928	Weekly budgeted: \$ 7,000	Weekly Over (Under): \$ 4,928
YTD giving: \$ 225,574	YTD budgeted: \$ 230,767	YTD Over (Under): \$ (5,193)

Good Friday Holy Land Collection - \$749.00
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.

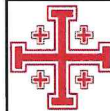


Contributions:

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.



Pope Leo has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday



Baby Bottle Support Raiser

Please bring your Pregnancy Options baby bottles back to church ASAP. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,253,920.34
Donated materials \$75,791.07
Outstanding pledges \$91,755.41

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,426,152.34
Number of individuals/families who have contributed 201
Percentage of parish families who have contributed 56%

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.

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Dave Stepka 612-328-2944
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Betty Vosejпка 507-744-2130

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

Rita Diercks 507-210-5944

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

(Fridays after 8am Mass) in the Parish Hall
Shirley Trcka 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)

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



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RETROUVAILLE

Healing hurting and broken marriages
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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Apr. 12 - Rev. Paul Kammen
Apr. 14 - Rev. Scott Katzenberger
Apr. 16 - Very Rev. Jonathan Kelly
Apr. 18 - Most Rev. Kevin Kenney
Apr. 13 - Rev. Randal Kasel
Apr. 15 - Rev. Jerome Keiser
Apr. 17 - Rev. Patrick Kennedy

Lord Jesus Christ, You ordained the apostles priests at the Last Supper to continue the mission of mercy to the end time. We believe that every Catholic priest traces his ordination to that first ordination on Holy Thursday night. We know how much You expect of Your priests, and we also know how weak and human they are. Inspire us, dear Jesus, to pray and sacrifice for Your priests, that by their faithfulness to You in this life they may bring countless souls to You in the life to come.

Mary, mother of priests, pray for priests that they may love your Divine Son, even as you did unreservedly, all the days of their lives. 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.

April Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For priests in crisis - Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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.



Cor Jesu

Join us for Cor Jesu on April 24th, 2026.

Adoration will start at 6:45 pm.

Invite a friend and come sit with Jesus!

Your faith will help you realize that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week.

~ St. Pope John Paul II

A Special Thank You!

Thank you to all that helped make the Triduum and Easter Sunday so special! May God reward all those that helped in any way.



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

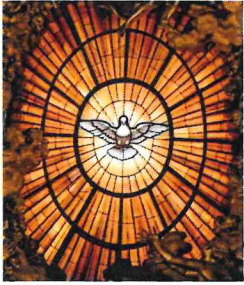
PLEASE GIVE PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION TO JOINING THE KNIGHTS!



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

Let us continue to pray for all those that joined the Church at Easter. As well as those preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in May.



Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise
and ever to rejoice in His consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY FICTION BOOK GROUP is seeking about a dozen parishioners (adults and mature teens) interested in reading and discussing important works of fiction—classics from many eras, but all engaging and utterly readable—that help us understand the human person and that can bring us closer to God. The structure of this group will be determined by the readers themselves. Please contact Deb Kaczmarek to be part of the effort, which will launch in June with Marilynne Robinson's unforgettable Gilead.

PRIEST AND SEMINARIAN ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
HILL-MURRAY HIGH SCHOOL

6PM - ST. JOHN VIANNEY COLLEGE SEMINARY VS. ST. PAUL SEMINARY

7:30 PM - THE WINNING SEMINARY VS. THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS

COME AND SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS!



High School Youth Group

Sunday, April 12th, 5:30 to 8 pm. High School Students are invited to gather at St. Nicolas for an evening of fun, food and prayer. Bring a friend!

Coloring Contest for Lent Our Lady of Champion & Servant of God, Adelle Brice

We hope that you enjoyed learning more about the apparition of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin, and the Marian visionary, Adelle Brice.



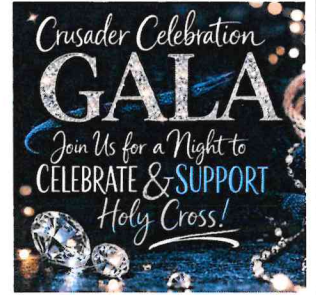
Please pick up your coloring pages in the back of the church.



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Get your ticket for the
Crusader celebration!

April 18th
at the Rustic Farmer in
Montgomery



Holy Cross Gala – How You Can Be Involved

Our Crusader Celebration Gala is quickly approaching, and there are still several ways for families and community members to help make this event a success. Every ticket, sponsorship, and donated experience helps support the mission of Holy Cross Catholic School.

Here are a few ways you can participate:

- Purchase Gala Tickets - Join us for a wonderful evening of community, dinner, auctions, and celebration while supporting our school. If you have not secured your tickets yet, now is a great time to do so.
- ♥ Become a Sponsor - Sponsorships are a meaningful way for businesses and families to support Catholic education while gaining recognition at the event. Several sponsorship levels are still available.
- 🎮 Crusader Community Events - These are unique experiences hosted by members of our Holy Cross community. From fun outings to special gatherings, they are always a favorite part of the Gala. We are still looking for families willing to host an event, and the ideas can be simple and fun. If you have an idea, we would love to hear it.
- ♥ Want to Help? - Use the link below to purchase tickets or sign up for a sponsorship through ClickBid. If you are interested in hosting a Crusader Community Event, please reach out to Megan.

Thank you for helping us continue to build a strong and vibrant Holy Cross community.

For tickets and sponsor information go to: <https://cbo.io/app/public/bidapp/hccs>

TRIVIA NIGHT

Holy Cross Community Event

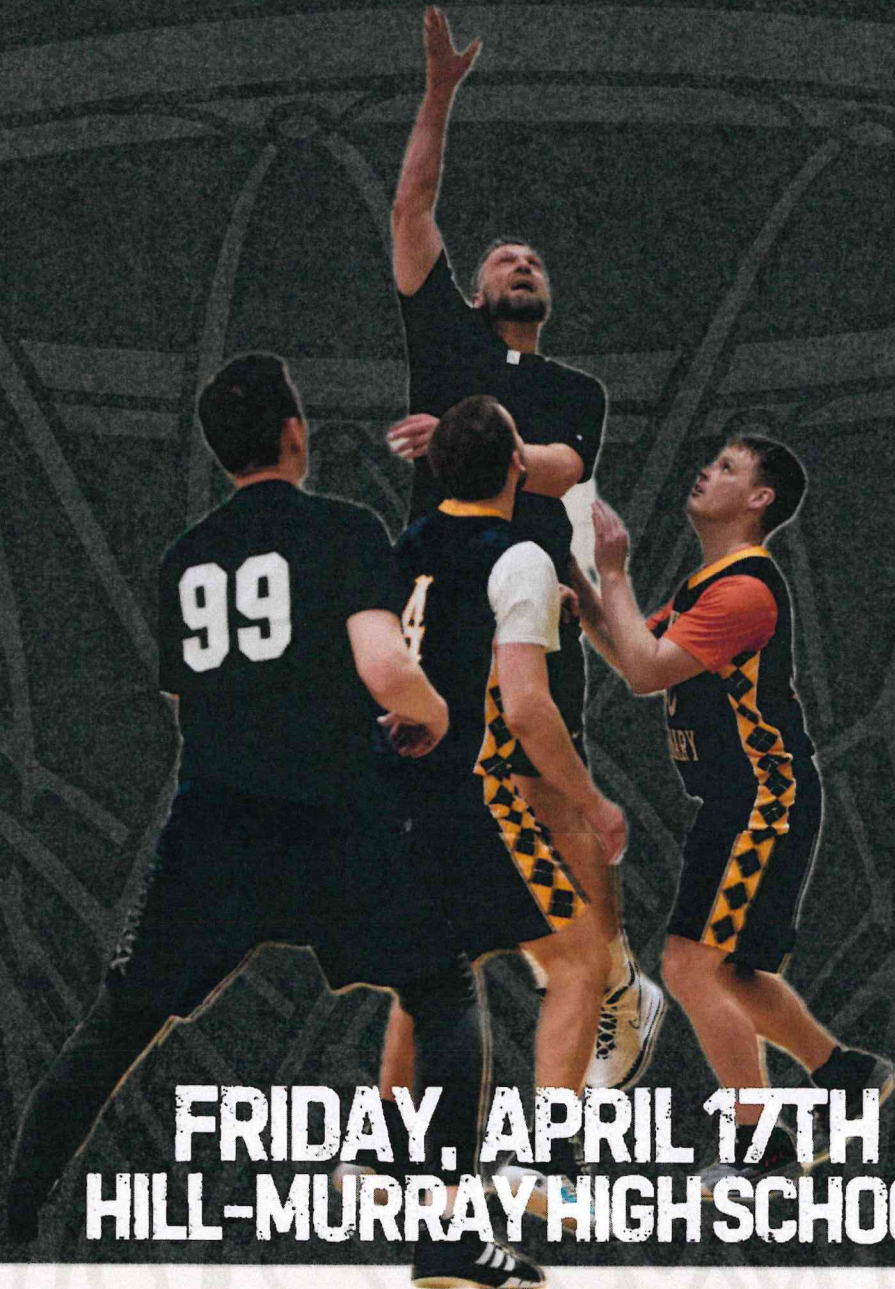
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