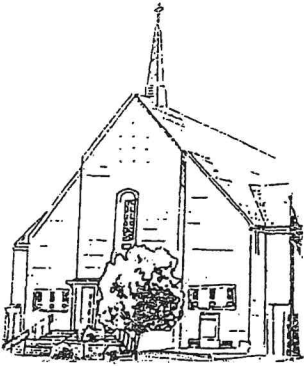




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To Jesus through Mary



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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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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]

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

The Christian in the World

Today's pastor's column is a quote from a text called *A Letter to Diogenus*, which was written in the 2nd Century. It is a very important text because it is one of the earliest Christian writings after the scriptures, and shows what the early Christians believed and how they lived.

This particular writing addresses how Christians are to live in the world as a leaven, while keeping their focus on our heavenly homeland.

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

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labor under all the disabilities of aliens. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

Christians love all men, but all men persecute them. Condemned because they are not understood, they are put to death, but raised to life again. They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything. They suffer dishonor, but that is their glory. They are defamed, but vindicated. A blessing is their answer to abuse, deference their response to insult. For the good they do they receive the punishment of malefactors, but even then they rejoice, as though receiving the gift of life. They are attacked by the Jews as aliens, they are persecuted by the Greeks, yet no one can explain the reason for this hatred.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body. As the soul is present in every part of the body, while remaining distinct from it, so Christians are found in all the cities of the world, but cannot be identified with the world. As the visible body contains the invisible soul, so Christians are seen living in the world, but their religious life remains unseen. The body hates the soul and wars against it, not because of any injury the soul has done it, but because of the restriction the soul places on its pleasures. Similarly, the world hates the Christians, not because they have done it any wrong, but because they are opposed to its enjoyments.

Christians love those who hate them just as the soul loves the body and all its members despite the body's hatred. It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven. As the soul benefits from the deprivation of food and drink, so Christians flourish under persecution. Such is the Christian's lofty and divinely appointed function, from which he is not permitted to excuse himself.

BULLETIN – May 24, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

May 25 8:00 AM 9:15 AM	<u>Monday - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and Memorial Day</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament For Veterans Living and Deceased
May 26 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday - St. Philip Neri, Priest (M)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Dave Miller †
May 27 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Wednesday - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Leeland and Morgan Adams
May 28 6:30 AM	<u>Thursday</u>
May 29 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday - St. Paul VI, Pope (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rachel Bastyr †
May 30 4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM*	<u>Saturday</u> Confessions Fred Roushar †
May 31 8:00 AM* 10:00 AM*	<u>Sunday - The Most Holy Trinity</u> All of our Parishioners Living and deceased Consecrated Virgins of the Archdiocese

*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.

LECTORS

Saturday, May 30 5PM - Emma Sickmann
Sunday, May 31 8AM - Brian Wermerskirchen
10AM - Cathy Mikel

SERVERS

Saturday, May 30 5PM - Durbin
Sunday, May 31 8AM - Simon
10AM - Bastyr

SACRISTANS


Saturday, May 30 5PM - Emma Sickmann
Sunday, May 31 8AM - June Myers
10AM - Cathy Mikel


Pentecost Sunday: #1099 in Red Book


1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 104:1ab and 24 ac, 29bc-30, 3&, 34,
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13, Gospel: John 20:19-23

Most Holy Trinity Sunday: #1102 in Red Book

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9, Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Gospel: John 3:16-18

 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, May 17, 2026

Weekly giving: \$ 5,234	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,353	Weekly Over (Under): \$ (119)
YTD giving: \$ 253,727	YTD budgeted: \$ 262,885	YTD Over (Under): \$ (9,158)

Cemetery - \$1555

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.



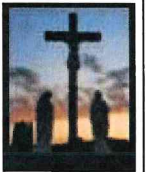
Contributions:

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.

Cemetery Giving Envelope



May is the month of our semi-annual collection to help with cemetery upkeep. Please use the envelope included in your giving packet (or a different envelope marked for cemetery donation) for your contribution, or you can give with the Vanco app. Many people don't realize this but the cemetery has its own account, income, and budget. It is not subsidized by the parish but relies entirely on the sales of graves and on this semi-annual collection. Additionally, we charge significantly less for parishioners to purchase graves than non-parishioners because we assume that everyone had been doing their part to support the cemetery. Thank you to all those who generously support and help maintain our Calvary Cemetery.



Capital Campaign Update
Total cash collected \$1,263,444.34
Donated materials \$75,791.07
Outstanding pledges \$85,188.41

Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,429,109.34
Number of individuals/families who have contributed 203
Percentage of parish families who have contributed 57%

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



LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with Religious Ed on Wednesday nights.

We are very grateful for your dedication and willingness to help pass on the faith to our youth. May Jesus reward you for your time and sharing of gifts.

If anyone is interested in helping next school year, or even if you have questions about what it would entail, please reach out to Irene at lnmvre@holycrossschool.net



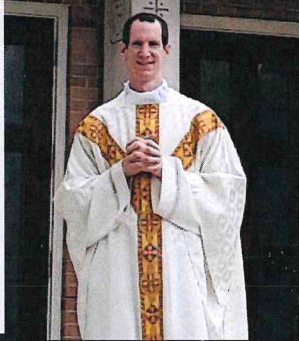
Congratulations to our Confirmation students who were confirmed at the Cathedral of St Paul, by Bishop Michael Izen, on May 14th.



Memorial Day May 25, 2026
9:15 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
10:30 am Prayers at Calvary Cemetery

Fr VanDenBroeke will be celebrating his 14th anniversary to the priesthood on May 26.

O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen.



Blessing of Graduates - We invite all graduating high schoolers to attend the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 31st, in which we will celebrate our graduates and give them a special blessing. If you have a graduate this year, please contact the parish office beforehand if possible so we can have your child's name. Congratulations to all our graduates! We wish you the best!

Join The Saint Paul Seminary Catechetical Institute's Pillars Program to discover the beauty and wisdom of our Catholic faith!

Applications are being accepted for the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in the two-year Pillars Program beginning this September.

The Pillars Program walks you through the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a story from blessing to blessing. If you have not taken this journey with us, pray about joining. If you are a graduate of the CI, please pray about who you can invite to become a student in this incoming class, and then share your story with them!

More information at <https://saintpaulseminary.org/ci>

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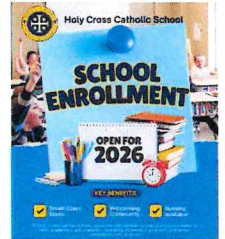


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Enrollment for 2026-27 is open!

Register at www.HolyCrossSchool.net

Any questions, please email Cheryl at cherylk@holycrossschool.net.



We are looking for people interested in

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND BECOMING A VOLUNTEER OR LEAD TEACHER!

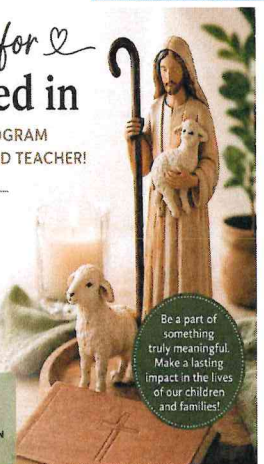


VOLUNTEER
Share your time and heart to support our Atrium and help our children grow in their faith.



LEAD TEACHER
Step into a beautiful mission of faith formation by becoming a trained Catechist.

If you feel called to learn more or take the next step, we would love to hear from you!
PLEASE REACH OUT TO MOLLY HAVLICEK OR GRETCHEN HERRMANN
We can't do this without you!



Be a part of something truly meaningful. Make a lasting impact in the lives of our children and families!

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium is such a beautiful and meaningful part of faith formation at Holy Cross. The quiet moments, the wonder, the connection our children experience... it's truly something special.

And now, we're looking for more hearts to help continue this important work. We are currently in need of additional trained Catechists (or those open to becoming trained!) to support and grow this program.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training is offered at several nearby locations and is so much more than just a class. It's a deeply enriching experience that nurtures your own spiritual life while preparing you to walk alongside our children in their faith journey.

This is a joyful and meaningful way to serve—planting seeds that truly last a lifetime. If you've ever felt a small nudge, a curiosity, or a calling to get more involved... this could be it.

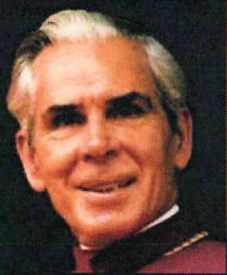
If you'd like to learn more or explore what this could look like, please reach out to Molly Havlicek or Gretchen Herrmann. We would love to walk alongside you in this next step.

Join us on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) June 7, 2026 for Solemn Eucharistic Procession outside, with Benediction at the closing of the 10am Mass.

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist.
~St. Pope John Paul II

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