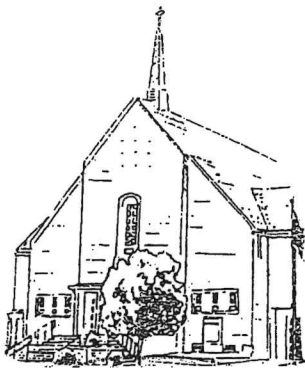




The Church of the Immaculate Conception

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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**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]

August 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

5 Great At-Home Date Ideas

I came across a great article online about 5 great at-home date ideas for couples.
For my pastor's column today, I'd like to share that article.

This article is published by Zeale – "Zeale is a project of CatholicVote, America's
top Catholic advocacy organization leading the fight for faith, family, and freedom.
The aim is to inspire every Catholic in America to live out the truths of their faith
in public life."

They are a great website for Catholic news and faith. I especially encourage you
to consider signing up for their daily newsletter called: The Loop. You can find
more information here: <https://zeale.co/theloop/today>

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

5 Great At-Home Date Ideas

Regular date-nights are an important way for couples to rest and reconnect, but
that doesn't mean it's easy to plan them. Whether you're on a tight budget, you
can't find a good babysitter, or your infant is breastfeeding around the clock,
there are seasons of life where at-home dates are a better option!

But if you've had your share of takeout-and-a-movie nights, here are some
creative alternatives. So tuck the kids into bed, grab the baby monitor, turn off
your phones, and head to your living room.

1. Dance together

There's nothing like slow dancing with your beloved while jazz plays softly. If
you're not typically one to dance, or if you just want to polish up, you can check
out YouTube tutorials on an easy slow step like a rumba or foxtrot.

2. Poetry night

Crack open that volume of poetry you haven't touched since college and take
turns reading out loud to each other. After each one, talk to each other about
what lines struck you and why. You don't have to limit yourself to sonnets! You
can explore dramatic ballads, humorous limericks, or even an epic poem.

3. Board and card games

Card games are a great option if you have a competitive streak! You can also
break out the board games for a hands-on, screen-free night.

4. Wine and charcuterie

For a more relaxed evening, grab your favorite bottle of wine, put some cheese,
crackers, and cured meats on a cutting board, and enjoy the chance to catch up
with each other. Use these conversation starters to avoid the temptation to
merely catch up on family logistics.

- Find an essay or an article of interest to both spouses and pre-read it
before date night to discuss over dessert.
- Discuss your spouse's love language.
- Discuss a podcast one or both of you have listened to recently.
- Dream about an upcoming or far off anniversary trip.
- Discuss what God has been teaching you lately.
- Reminisce about your first date, or your wedding planning, or your
honeymoon.
- Natural Family Planning check-in.
- What's the best gift you've ever given? Received?
- Discuss how to build community around your marriage and family.
- If I were to give you an entire day to yourself, how would you want to
spend it?
- Discuss what life after retirement might look like.

5. Make a photo album

Sure, we keep most of our photos on our phones, but it's great for families to
have hands-on mementos too. You can order prints from your local drug store,
and then laugh and reminisce together as you compile your album.

Hopefully these ideas will give you a chance to enjoy your spouse's company
without the pressure of a fancy date in town. Your marriage is the root of your
family, and everyone will benefit from having Mom and Dad happy and
connected.

Article source: <https://zeale.co/news/articles/5-great-at-home-date-ideas>

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Aug 24	<u>Monday - St. Bartholomew, Apostle (F)</u> No Mass
Aug 25 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday - St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rachel Bastyr †
Aug 26 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Wednesday</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Hingzhang Cai and Haixian Ma †
Aug 27 6:30 AM	<u>Thursday - St. Monica (M)</u>
Aug 28 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday - St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (M)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Jean Jirik †
Aug 29 4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM*	<u>Saturday - The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)</u> Confessions Patricia Hewitt †
Aug 30 8:00 AM* 10:00 AM*	<u>Sunday - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> All of our Parishioners

*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, August 29	5PM - Tim Rud
Sunday, August 30	8AM - Brian Wermerskirchen 10AM - Cathy Mikel

SERVERS

Saturday, August 29	5PM - Volunteer
Sunday, August 30	8AM - Simon 10AM - Volunteer

SACRISTANS

Saturday, August 29	5PM - AJ Miller
Sunday, August 30	8AM - Mary Rose Rynda and Stella Simon 10AM - Cathy Mikel

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1169 in Red Book

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2a, 2bc and 3, 6 and 8bc,
2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36, Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1172 in Red Book

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9,
2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2, Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



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, August 16, 2026

Weekly giving: \$6,503	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,270	Weekly Over (Under): \$ 1,233
YTD giving: \$ 31,179	YTD budgeted: \$ 37,390	YTD Over (Under): \$ (6,211)

Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts to you!



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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.

Thank you for the warm welcome and generosity shown to Fr. Simon Peter last weekend when he visited Immaculate Conception. Please know how much your generosity is appreciated. Funds raised will be used to help further the work of the Kitui Partnership. On behalf of the Diocese of Kitui, asante sana! ("Thank you very much" in Swahili!)

If you would still like to give to the Mission collection, please send in a check with "Mission Sunday" on the memo line.

So far we have collected: \$1,618.70.



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,309,499.66
Donated materials \$80,476.59
Outstanding pledges \$57,020.41
Total cash, donations, and pledges \$ 1,446,996.66

Number of individuals/families who have contributed 205
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

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

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Aug. 23 - Rev. Christopher Pelster Aug. 24 - Rev. James Perkl
Aug. 25 - Rev. Joseph Pete Aug. 26 - Rev. William Peterson
Aug. 27 - Rev. Donald Piche Aug. 28 - Most Rev. Lee Piche
Aug. 29 - Rev. Kenneth Pierre

Dear Saint John Mary Vianney, your childhood dream was to be a priest, to win souls for God. You endured years of toil and humiliation to attain the priesthood. You became a priest truly after God's own heart, outstanding in humility and poverty, prayer and mortification, totally devoted to the service of God's people. The Church has exalted you as model and Patron Saint of all parish priests, trusting that your example and prayers will help them to live up to the high dignity of their vocation to be faithful servants of God's people, to be perfect imitators of Christ the Savior who came not to be served but to serve, to give His life in ransom for many. Pray that God may give to His Church today many more priests after His own heart. Pray for all priests under your patronage, that they may be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance; be examples of humility and poverty; shining models of holiness; tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God; zealous dispensers of God's Grace in the sacraments. May their loving devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to Mary His Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

August Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For evangelization in the city - Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.



Capital Campaign Goal Achieved Celebration and KC Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 23rd

We have some very exciting news about the progress of our capital campaign that we would like to share and celebrate with the parish, and also give some updates on the progress of the campaign.

Please join after the 10am Mass on Sunday, August 23rd for a picnic (hosted by the Knights of Columbus) followed by a capital campaign information meeting. We hope you can join us!



Come Celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church Building

Tuesday, September 1st, is a very special day for our community.

On September 1st, 1941, our current church was dedicated. Because the dedication of a church is such an important event in the life of a parish community, it is celebrated as a Solemnity in that church.

Thus, I invite you to join me for Mass to celebrate the solemnity of the dedication of our beautiful church.

In addition to the regular 8 am Mass we will have a special Mass on Tuesday at 8am and a special Mass at 6:30 pm with a VanDenCookie reception to follow in the church basement.



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

Religious Education registration for the 2026-2027 school-year has closed.

But if you still need to register your student, contact Irene Schultz as soon as possible.

We are in need a of a couple more catechists, classroom aides and substitutes. If you are interested in helping this coming school year, please contact Irene Schultz with any questions. You do not need to have family in the program to volunteer! Come help pass on the faith to the next generation.

For further information contact Irene Schultz at lnmvre@holycrossschool.net

ALL children receiving sacraments, no matter what school/homeschool you attend must be registered with the RE program.

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?
Or is there someone you could invite to consider it?

It's as simple as asking if they would like to learn more about the Catholic Church and take classes. OCIA is for all who desire to become Catholic or to learn about what the Catholic Church teaches, as well as for those who grew up Catholic but did not receive all their sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, and Eucharist).

The information night for the OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is scheduled for Thursday, September 10th, 7pm, at Holy Cross Catholic School.

For more information, please contact Irene Schultz at lnmvre@holycrossschool.net

Save the date for Extreme Faith Camp 2027 July 11-16, 2027

We would love to have more middle school campers join us next summer. So if you are entering 6th-8th grade this fall, make sure to save these dates and join us next summer!
For those of you going into 9th grade and beyond, we have a spot for you too!

Area events/retreats

Divine Mercy Spirit Fest in Faribault, August 29th, 11am to dusk

Join us for a full day packed with faith-filled fun: a ministry parade, live music, inflatables, mini golf, bingo, yard games, raffles, a silent auction, outdoor and indoor foods, adult beverages and soft drinks, cake walk, face painting, tractor wagon rides, and more. Activities start at noon and go until dusk when the outdoor movie begins. There will be at 1:30 pm a dedication of rooms/hallways for the five priests who have served at Divine Mercy who will have a room names for them in the new school building. more information can be found at www.SpiritFest.info

Patriotic Rosary - St. John the Evangelist, Union Hill, September 13, 2026

All are invited to join us for a patriotic rosary for divine protection and mercy for our nation through the Blessed Mother's intercession. We will join together at St. John the Evangelist at Union Hill on September 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm to say the rosary together.



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Enrollment for 2026-27 is open!

Register at www.HolyCrossSchool.net

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




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Lonsdale Area Food Shelf

The Lonsdale Food Shelf is looking for volunteers to help source and hand out the nearly 1 ton of food we distribute each week. We are open Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 6 and we are looking for volunteers to assist our clients shop. If you can't make it for the full afternoon, you can also help from 4-6 pm 2 Thursdays per month.

In addition to client help, we could use a volunteer to pick up food from our drop boxes and from our food rescue partners. This would take about an hour a week and could be done in the evening. If you can only help once a month, that is OK.

If you are interested, please email us at lonsdalefoodshelf@gmail.com or call Mark Sibenaller at 952-292-1971. Thank you!

Interested in elevating your summer reading? Curious about how fiction can bring you closer to God?

Be part of the Holy Fiction Book Group, meeting this summer in the Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00 on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our next gathering on August 26, the group will take up A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles. Anyone is welcome to join! Contact Deb Kaczmarek at debbiek@lightblast.net if you have questions or if you need help getting a copy of the book-of-the-month.

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

Applications are being accepted until August 31st 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! A host sight is St Dominic's in Northfield.

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

Thank you to Paul and Cassy Simon and Badger Excavating for donating 2 loads of black dirt for graves at Calvary Cemetery.
~ Cemetery Board

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