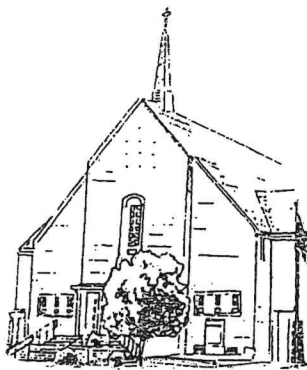




The Church of the Immaculate Conception

To Jesus through Mary



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Office Manager: Mary Rose Rynda

Music Ministry: Justin Merritt

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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.
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-----Anointing of the Sick-----

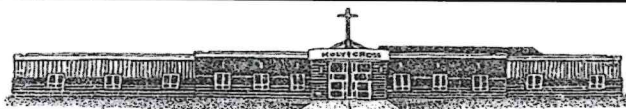
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-----Communion Calls Visits-----

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
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[Holy Cross School News is on the back page of the Bulletin]

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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]

September 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them."*

St. Bernard of Clairvaux on Love

We recently celebrated the memorial of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux on August 20th. For today's pastor's column, I'd like to share a sermon of his on love:

Love is sufficient of itself, it gives pleasure by itself and because of itself. It is its own merit, its own reward. Love looks for no cause outside itself, no effect beyond itself. Its profit lies in its practice. I love because I love, I love that I may love. Love is a great thing so long as it continually returns to its fountainhead, flows back to its source, always drawing from there the water which constantly replenishes it. Of all the movements, sensations and feelings of the soul, love is the only one in which the creature can respond to the Creator and make some sort of similar return however unequal though it be. For when God loves, all he desires is to be loved in return; the sole purpose of his love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him.

The Bridegroom's love, or rather the love which is the Bridegroom, asks in return nothing but faithful love. Let the beloved, then, love in return. Should not a bride love, and above all, Love's bride? Could it be that Love not be loved?

Rightly then does she give up all other feelings and give herself wholly to love alone; in giving love back, all she can do is to respond to love. And when she has poured out her whole being in love, what is that in comparison with the unceasing torrent of that original source? Clearly, lover and Love, soul and Word, bride and Bridegroom, creature and Creator do not flow with the same volume; one might as well equate a thirsty man with the fountain.

What then of the bride's hope, her aching desire, her passionate love, her confident assurance? Is all this to wilt just because she cannot match stride for stride with her giant, any more than she can vie with honey for sweetness, rival the lamb for gentleness, show herself as white as the lily, burn as bright as the sun, be equal in love with him who is Love? No. It is true that the creature loves less because she is less. But if she loves with her whole being, nothing is lacking where everything is given. To love so ardently then is to share the marriage bond; she cannot love so much and not be totally loved, and it is in the perfect union of two hearts that complete and total marriage consists. Or are we to doubt that the soul is loved by the Word first and with a greater love?

You are in my daily prayers.

God bless you,
Fr. VanDenBroeke

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Sept. 7	<u>Monday</u> No Mass
Sept. 8 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rich Nybo
Sept. 9 7:00 AM 8:05 AM	<u>Wednesday - St. Peter Claver, Priest (M)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Cross Catholic School
Sept. 10 6:30 AM	<u>Thursday</u> Alice Myers †
Sept. 11 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Leo Wagner
Sept. 12 4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<u>Saturday - The Most Holy Name of Mary (m)</u> Confessions
Sept. 13 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	<u>Sunday - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 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, September 12	5PM - Mark Sibenaller
Sunday, September 13	8AM - Milo Simon 10AM - Brian Wermerskirchen

SERVERS

Saturday, September 12	5PM - Volunteer
Sunday, September 13	8AM - Rynda 10AM - Bastyr

SACRISTANS

Saturday, September 12	5PM - AJ Miller
Sunday, September 13	8AM - Mary Rose Rynda and Stella Simon 10AM - Missy and Ilsa Baker

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1175 in Red Book
1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7c, 7d-9,
2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10, Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1178 in Red Book
1st Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2,3-4,9-10,11-12,
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9, Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35



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 30, 2026

Weekly giving: \$4,011	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,270	Weekly Over (Under): \$ (1,259)
YTD giving: \$ 40,727	YTD budgeted: \$ 47,930	YTD Over (Under): \$ (7,203)

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.

Fiscal Year End Financial Statements are available for pickup
in the back of Church.



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected	\$1,316,543.66
Donated materials	\$80,476.59
Outstanding pledges	\$52,126.41
Total cash, donations, and pledges	\$ 1,449,146.66

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.

I am very excited to announce that we have surpassed our goal for the campaign!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity. It has been wonderful to see our community come together to accomplish all our important projects to sustain our church for many, many years.

We also would like to offer a gift to everyone who has given to the campaign. We have many additional copies of the Archdiocese history book and we are now giving them away to anyone who has contributed to the campaign. Just stop into the office to pick one up. (Even if you already have one, you can have another if you wish, we have a lot.)

~Fr. VanDenBroeke



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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Please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Sept. 6 - Rev. Jimmy Puttanackal Sept. 7 - Rev. Matthew Quail
Sept. 8 - Rev. Arokiadoss Raji Sept. 9 - Rev. Phillip Rask
Sept. 10 - Rev. Alexander Rasset Sept. 11 - Rev. Terrence Rassmussen
Sept. 12 - Rev. Thomas Rayar

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. FOR VOCATIONS: Father we trust you to call others to the priesthood to continue your work in our Archdiocese.

September Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.



Join us for the annual
Apple Cider Sunday.



When: September 27, 2026 - 11:15 - 1:15

Who: All IC parishioners

What: Potluck meal and making the best tasting apple juice/cider you've ever had!

Where: In the Parish Hall/ by the Church depending on the weather

What to bring:

- A dish to share for the potluck
- Apples (If you have your own tree. But no need to buy them. Any kind of apples will do.)
- Clean Jugs to put cider in (milk jugs, pop bottles, etc.)

Apple Trees and Pickers wanted

We are looking for a few families that would be willing to help pick apples. And also, if you have a tree you would like picked! Talk to Fr. VanDenBroeke if you are willing to help pick apples. Picking will happen a week or so before Apple Cider Sunday.

Giving Envelopes delayed again

We have received another update from Cathedral Corp about giving envelopes. They thought they were going to be back on track by September for sending out giving envelopes, but they are still behind and the September envelopes will be a little late. They apologize for that.

Please continue your contributions! If you donate by check or put cash in an envelope with your name on it, we will still be able to attribute the contribution to you. Thank you!

Save the date for Crafty Kids Christmas Craft Fair at the IC Parish Hall on Saturday December 12th.

What is the "Crafty Kids Christmas Craft Fair"?

The idea was the inspiration of a mom who wanted to give the opportunity to children to learn some business and customer service skills. So with that in mind, we will be combining our parish bake sale this December with having youth vendors to showcase and sell their creations.

While the Christmas bake sale is far off, we want to start getting the word out for young artisans (18yrs and under) in the community who would like to have a chance at selling their crafts. Each youth will be responsible for their own "table or space" and selling the items they have made. All proceeds of the youth sales are kept by the youth.

The parish will benefit from a lunch served during the craft sale as well as the parish bake sale! Everyone is invited to donate baked goods for the bake sale.

For interested vendors (parents or grandparents of them) or for more information you can email the parish office at office@icchurch.cc or talk with Annie Rynda.

We already have a list of youth with the following ideas in mind:
Crochet Crafts, Sewing Crafts, Apparel,
3D Creations, Resin Art, Jewelry

Help make our parish Christmas Bake Sale and
Crafty Kids Christmas Craft Fair a success!



Baptism Congratulations

to Ronan and Montana Carstonfix on the Baptism of their daughter, Adeline Amara, which took place on August 30, 2026



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

We are in need a of a couple more substitute catechists and classroom aides. 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

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!

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



Middle School Youth Group

Friday, September 11, 6 to 8 pm.

Students in 6 - 8th Grade are invited to gather at the youth room at St. Nicholas for a night of fun, pizza and prayer.



High School Youth Group

Sunday, September 13, 5:30 to 8 pm. High School Students are invited to gather at St. Nicholas for an evening of fun, food and prayer. Bring a friend!

HOLY FICTION BOOK GROUP...Autumn of Holy Fiction

A new season of reading kicks off on September 23 with a discussion of Willa Cather's *My Antonia*, the famous depiction of the lives of Czech families who settled Nebraska in the late 1800s. Even those who have not read the book will find the discussion helpful in understanding the struggles of our ancestors, particularly those who founded our parish. Please join us at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. Contact Deb Kaczmarek at debbiek@lightblast.net if you need help in obtaining a copy of the book or if you'd like more details.

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Area events/retreats

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.

Grand Party at St. Patrick's in Shieldsville, Saturday, October 10, 2026

Chicken and Ham Dinner (Tickets are \$75 per couple), dance featuring "The Old Country Boys", Chance to win a cash prize (\$75-\$1,000). Dinner 5-7pm, band 7:30-11:30pm. Tickets can be purchased at the St. Patrick's parish office.

Fiat

Middle School and Highschool Ladies Group

We invite all 6th - 12th grade girls to join
our Fiat Ladies Group.

Meeting from 6-8pm on the 4th Sunday of the month*
at Mary Rose Rynda's house in Lonsdale.

We will have light appetizers,
time of large group discussion
and break out into smaller groups too.
Ending the night with Night Prayer.

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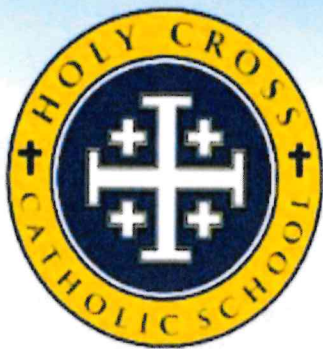
September 27th	February 28th
October 25th	March - no gathering
November 22nd	April 4th - *possible gathering
December 27th	April 25th
January 24th	May 23rd

We will be discussing reflections from the book
The Witness of Early Christian Women: Mothers of the Church
by Mike Aquilina

(If you want to order a copy of the book you can, but it is not needed.)

Have Questions???

Contact Mary Rose Rynda at FiatLadies@proton.me



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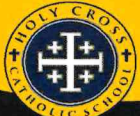
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