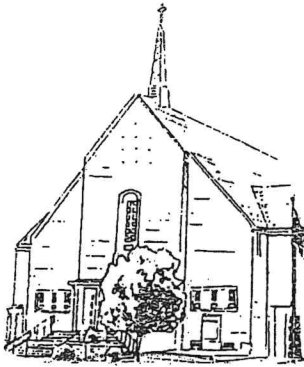




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To Jesus through Mary



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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

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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.
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]

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Wednesdays at the LNMV CATHOLIC EDUCATION CENTER
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October 4, 2026

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?"

Pastoral Letter – Section 1, Paragraph 2

This article is from the Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Hebda.

Only One Thing Is Necessary

How Catholic Families Can Strive To Be United in This Life and the Next

Pastoral Letter to the Families of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis

Section I

Our Urgent Challenge and the Narrow Path

2. Pope Saint John Paul II saw clearly that “The future of humanity passes by way of the family.” This path is indeed a call to holiness that is not for the faint of heart, a calling that requires daily growth and renewal. It is a call to embrace the “narrow way” that Jesus himself identified for us: “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few (Mt 7:13-14).

We are blessed by God’s superabundant grace and by the examples of holy families who remind us that it is indeed possible for us to pass through that narrow gate. Pope Leo has recently held up for our imitation three saintly couples who were together recognized by the Church for their holiness: Saints Zélie and Louis Martin (the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux who were canonized together in 2015 and referenced in the Preface of this letter) Blesseds Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi (beatified by Saint John Paul II in 2001) and finally, Blesseds Józef and Wiktoria Ulma (beatified by Pope Francis along with their children in 2023).

I was blessed to be present in Saint Peter’s Square when Mr. and Mrs. Beltrame Quattrocchi were beatified. I remember that the booklet prepared for the beatification Mass referenced the little notes that Maria would pack with Luigi’s lunches. Like the parents of the Little Flower, Luigi and Maria were refreshingly ordinary, and certainly relatable — the “saints next door.” After their beatification, Saint John Paul II had their remains moved to the Sanctuary of Divine Love on the outskirts of Rome, where hundreds of Roman families typically gather on Sundays, to remind families that holiness is attainable. I’d often stop at their graves to pray for my family and for all families.

More recently, I made the pilgrimage to Markowa, Poland, to pray at the tomb of the Ulmas, seeking their intercession that this pastoral letter might bear some pastoral fruit in our Archdiocese. The Ulmas were simple farmers from Southeastern Poland (living in the same diocese as my grandmother’s family, the Archdiocese of Przemyśl). Along with their six children (and one on the way), they were brutally killed by the Nazis in 1944 for having given refuge on their farm to Jews who were fleeing from the persecution of the Third Reich.

While Józef and Wiktoria are now remembered for their martyrdom, the museum in their hometown paints a picture of a couple who had been deeply in love with one another and committed to their children, desiring to teach them about Christ and His command to be like the Good Samaritan in loving our neighbor, understood in the broadest of contexts. Józef had the only camera in Markowa and his photographs chronicled not only wartime life in his village but also the ordinary life of his extraordinary family, poor as church mice but rich in love.

Even in Minnesota, we can journey together with those holy families, and in that way, we are never alone.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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

Oct.5	<u>Monday - St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest (m)</u> No Mass
Oct.6 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Tuesday - St. Bruno, Priest Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Charles Dunn †
Oct.7 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Wednesday - Our Lady of the Rosary (M)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rongxi Cai †
Oct.8 6:30 AM	<u>Thursday</u> Robert Larson †
Oct. 9 7:00 AM 8:00 AM	<u>Friday - St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs St. John Leonardi, Priest (m)</u> Holy Hour – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Crew, Acre, Theo Degezelle †
Oct.10 4:00- 4:45 PM 5:00 PM	<u>Saturday</u> Confessions Jeff Franek †
Oct. 11 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	<u>Sunday - Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> All of our Parishioners Terry and Andrea Deutsch Family

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, October 10	5PM - Emma Sickmann
Sunday, October 11	8AM - Joe Miller 10AM - Amy Zasoski

SERVERS

Saturday, October 10	5PM - Durbin
Sunday, October 11	8AM - Rynda 10AM - Volunteer

SACRISTANS

Saturday, October 10	5PM - Emma Sickmann
Sunday, October 11	8AM - Mary Rose Rynda 10AM - Cathy Mikel

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1187 in Red Book

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:9and12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
2nd Reading: Philipians 4:6-9, Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: #1190 in Red Book

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6,
2nd Reading: Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20, Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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, September 27, 2026

Weekly giving: \$3,541	Weekly budgeted: \$ 5,270	Weekly Over (Under): \$ (1,729)
YTD giving: \$ 61,426	YTD budgeted: \$ 69,010	YTD Over (Under): \$ (7,584)

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Call the Parish Office with questions.

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Please use the giving envelope in your packet labeled for this collection or visit our website to donate online.



Capital Campaign Update

Total cash collected \$1,319,451.66
Donated materials \$80,476.59
Outstanding pledges \$49,994.41
Total cash, donations, and pledges
\$ 1,449,922.66

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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FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

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

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(Wed. 1 pm) in the Parish Hall
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ARCHDIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

Will you pray for a priest each day?

Oct. 4 - Rev. Msgr. Martin Schlag
Oct. 6 - Rev. Kevin Schneider
Oct. 8 - Rev. Elijah Schwab
Oct. 10 - Rev. David Shaw

Oct. 5 - Rev. John Schmidt
Oct. 7 - Rev. Leo Schneider
Oct. 9 - Rev. Michael Selenski

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep your servant within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may harm him. Keep unstained his anointed hands with Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied his lips, purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep purer and unearthy his heart, sealed with the sublime mark of Priesthood. Let Your holy love surround him and shield him from the world's contagion. Bless his labors with abundant fruit. 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.

October Prayer Intention of the Holy Father

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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.



Pastor's column continued...

To be certain, perseverance on the narrow path requires the grace that flows from our rooted friendship with Jesus Christ. Only within the context of that essential relationship can our other relationships be directed toward our highest calling: eternal life with God.

You, dear families, are made for eternal life. In contrast, to be *in* the modern culture without the good ordering of a practiced faith is to be merely *of* the culture. And to be *of* the culture can pull us off the narrow path of holiness and onto the broad and prevailing cultural road that all too often leads to godlessness, selfishness and decadence.

Because the family walks together, we are invited on the narrow path not just for ourselves, but with and for our spouse, our children, our parents and our siblings. In particular, we must form, educate and accompany the youngest members of our families; we must do our part in helping till and cultivate the soil of their precious young souls. This sacred calling is urgent.

Thank you to Tim Hartman and Milton Trnka who re-waxed the floor in the parish hall. It looks nice and shiny again!

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Let us recall and pray for all those that have been called to serve at Immaculate Conception

1905-1921 - Rev. Francis Bouska	1985-1996 - Rev. Stanley Kozlak
1921-1935 - Rev. Joseph Tomek	1996-2007 - Rev. A. Michael Sauber
1935-1936 - Rev. Albert Ziskovsky	2007-2011 - Rev. Troy D. Przybilla
1936-1946 - Rev. Robert Bastyr	2011 - Rev. Kevin P. Magner
1946-1947 - Rev. Stanley Skluzacek	2011-2015 - Rev. Thomas P. McCabe
1947-1948 - Rev. Michael Skoblik	2015-2016 - Rev. Christopher Schofner
1948-1965 - Rev. Charles Jirik	2016-2017 - Rev. Dennis Thompson
1965-1968 - Rev. Robert Dobihal	2017 - Rev. Nick VanDenBroeke
1968-1971 - Rev. Otto Neudecker	2020-2021 - Rev. John Powers
1971-1977 - Rev. Gerald Schunk	
1977-1985 - Rev. Henry Gessner	

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!



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

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LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE website is www.lnmvre.net

We are in need 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

FALL FAMILY BARN DANCE

at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall

Saturday, October 24th, 2026

Grab your hat and slip on your boots
and join us for a fun family dance!

Doors open at 6:15pm

Swing lesson at 6:30pm

Open dance until 9:30 pm

During the open dance, some snacks and beverages will be provided, but please bring a snack to share.

An RSVP is helpful for planning, but not required.

Country attire is recommended.

Suggested \$5/person or \$20 family cap cover charge

Youth 15yrs and under must be accompanied **RSVP:**
by parent or older sibling

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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, October 9, 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. We will end the evening by attending Ave Verum Corpus.



High School Youth Group

Sunday, October 11, 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!

HOLY FICTION BOOK GROUP...Autumn of Holy Fiction

IC's Holy Fiction book group invites you to be part of the discussion of our October selection, Lois Lowry's Newbery Prize-winning novel, *The Giver*. Usually categorized as "young-adult fiction," the book presents important contemporary themes that will challenge mature readers, too. Because *The Giver* is frequently included in school curricula, the book group especially urges middle- and high-school students and their parents to join us in the Parish Hall kitchen at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 28. Contact Deb Kaczmarek at debbiek@lightblast.net if you need information or help in obtaining a copy of *The Giver*.

Rosary before Mass every Saturday evening

A generous parishioner has offered to lead the rosary every Saturday evening before the 5pm Mass. If you are attending that Mass I encourage you to come early to join in the rosary which will start at 4:35pm.

I'm also grateful to the Knights of Columbus who lead the rosary before all the weekend Masses on the last weekend of every month.



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October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary

Please join us in praying the rosary on
Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the church.

"It could be said that each mystery of the rosary, carefully meditated, sheds light on the mystery of man. 'Cast your burden on the Lord and he will sustain you' (Ps 55:23). To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and his Mother. The rosary does indeed 'mark the rhythm of human life,' bringing it into harmony with the 'rhythm' of God's own life, in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life's destiny and deepest longing. Through the rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer"

(Saint John Paul II). ~Magnificat reflection for the memorial of the Holy Rosary.

Area events/retreats

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.

Ave Verum Corpus

An exquisite pairing of Eucharistic adoration
and classical sacred music.

Friday, October 9, 7 p.m.

Our evening will include:

- Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Classical Sacred Music and Chant
- Sacrament of Penance available
- Vespers
- Benediction
- Reception following event

Experience Christ's peaceful presence.



St. Nicholas Catholic Church
51 Church Street, Elko New Market
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Mary, Mother of Life



When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On

Oh Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

Evangelium vitae

Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to natural death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”¹

¹ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, 105.

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