



MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 ~Grandparents Day~

~24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

9:00 a.m. Frank Santini & Evo Santoni (Birthday) -
Albert & Paula Santoni

11:00 a.m. Mary Koller -
The Koller Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

NO MASS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:15 p.m. For the Intention of Msgr. Kaz (Birthday) -
The Groeneveld Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:10 p.m. MASS CANCELLED TODAY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

NO MASS SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. No Mass - VA Medical Center Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4:00 p.m. For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

~25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~

9:00 a.m. Lucy Negro (Birthday) -
Pat & Joe

11:00 a.m. Gena Farragh -
Joyel & Gary

The Sanctuary Candle has been offered for the intentions of all Grandparents on this Grandparents Day.

Msgr. KazHalf of Me?

In today's Gospel, Jesus is calling us to fanaticism in terms of our forgiveness. The Apostle Peter asks, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As many as seven times?" Jesus replies, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times!" (Mt. 18:21-22). Jesus' emphasis could not be more persuasive. This is a lesson never-to-be-forgotten for the Kingdom of God is built on a foundation of mercy and forgiveness!

A husband and wife, in their late eighties, both were becoming extremely forgetful. For example, the husband would often forget where he put his eyeglasses. Then as he went from room-to-room searching for them, he would forget what he was looking for. His wife would announce that she was going to the store for butter, but she would forget what she was shopping for when she got there. One evening, as they watched TV, the husband stood up, and the following dialogue took place:

Wife: "Where are you going?"
Husband: "To get snacks, it's my turn."
Wife: "I want a hot fudge sundae. Write it down!"
Husband: "I don't have to write it down."
Wife: "And put nuts on it. Write it down!"
Husband: "I don't have to write it down!"
Wife: "And whipped cream on top. Write it down!"
Husband: "I don't have to write it down."

The husband then left to get the snacks. When he returned, he presented his wife with a plate of bacon and eggs.

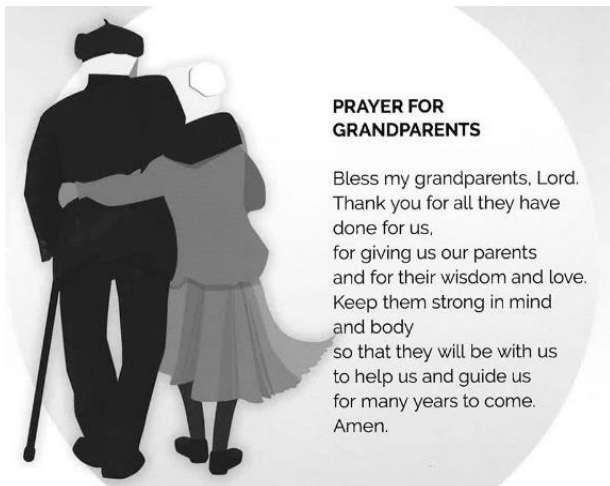
Wife: "Where's the toast?"

"Forgive and forget," we often say. And that's good advice unless misunderstood. For, there is one thing that forgiveness is not. Forgiveness is not forgetting. Forgiveness is a miracle of grace. And you need no miracle of grace to forget something that doesn't matter much to you. If you're anything like that elderly couple at snack time, all you need is a bad memory.

Does Jesus' teaching seem too demanding? He teaches us that it is not enough to stop hating; we also must start loving. He shows us that, having been hurt, it's not enough to let the matter drop; we must forgive the offender. He teaches us that it's not enough to say "I forgive you"; we must mean what we say and prove it.

We may think that the Lord's demand to forgive, love, and pray for our persecutors is too much to expect of us. But if we identify ourselves as children of God and disciples of Christ, we must recognize that we have much to live up to.

Perhaps you know someone who is a "half of me" -- kind of person. You know, someone who is always saying, "Half of me wants to do this, or half of me wants to do that." We're all like that in many areas of our lives. But in the area of forgiveness, Jesus is telling us that halfway measures simply will never do. In the area of mercy, we've got to go all out; we've got to forgive unconditionally. We've got to say, not half, but all of me forgives you." With all our minds and all our hearts, we've got to forgive the transgression and forget the resentment until it has no meaning. How often? Don't ask - because it's never enough!



PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We wish all the Confirmation candidates the best for the upcoming Sacrament this Sunday, September 13 commencing at 11:30 p.m. The children have been well prepared and it is sure to be a beautiful celebration to be held at American Martyrs Parish.

Immaculate Conception Parish Confirmation candidates include: Caleb Evosevich-Hynes, Anthony Kralovec, Leah Larsen and Eli Lofholm.

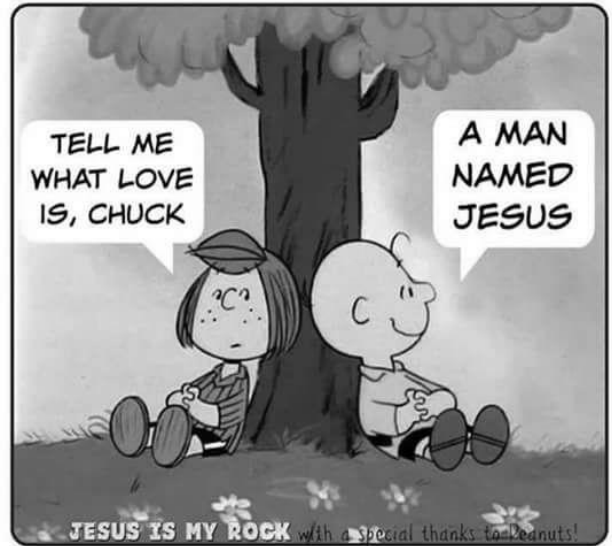


FAITH FORMATION UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES AND EVENTS

- September 11** - Registration letters for Faith Formation mailed to parents
- September 13** - Confirmation at American Martyrs (11:30 a.m.)
- September 30** - Parent meeting (brief) at 6:00 p.m. Faith Formation Building
- October 4** - Little Parishioners begins - Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass only
- October 7** - Faith Formation on-line classes begin

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

~ Psalm 127:3



LOVE THE LORD

And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ~Matthew 22:37

The airwaves and the internet are filled with songs of love. Ballads and old standards bring to mind seasons past with sentimentality and, sometimes, regrets. The love those songs are speaking of is not the love the Lord commands! God's love is not brotherly love, nor is it erotic, but it is a type of unselfishness, a full giving of oneself to another without expectation of anything in return.

The Lord emphatically calls for us to love Him: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:4-6).

Do you find a gap between what you are called to do and what you actually do? We are caught between two worlds: the world to come, where sin no longer tempts and ensnares us, and this present world, which is fraught with trials, temptations from the evil one, and our own sinful desires. Thanks be to God that He enables us to triumph in love through His Holy Spirit.

Jesus, please help me love You more and more each day! Amen.

LITTLE PARISHIONERS CHURCH

Immaculate Conception's Faith Formation Coordinator, Karen Powers, leads youth ages three through first grade through a fun and interactive session each week while parents can focus on Mass without distractions. Little Parishioners Church (LPC) is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays beginning October 4.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note the office hours on the front of the bulletin. Even if you do not see a vehicle, the office is open. Thank you.

**OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
CHAPEL PERPETUAL ADORATION**

*Jesus is the living Word that speaks thousands of times
both day and night with thousands of voices, because
he wants to hear and understand!*

~Mother Elvira Petrozzi



Vacant Hours Needing Volunteers:

Saturday: 2:00 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Answer His call!

Prayer partners needed for all hours.

For more information or to volunteer, call Lu Menghini at 282-6909 or Barb Broullire at 221-9707.

Visit www.theadorationchapel.com.

**FRIENDS OF BBCS
SEPTEMBER RAFFLE WINNERS**

1st Place - Team St. Luke - \$600.00

2nd Place - Sam & Lorraine Conery - \$300.00

3rd Place - Trisha Peterson - \$150.00

4th Place - Team School is Cool - \$150.00

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself

wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**ASK BISHOP JOHN DOERFLER
TO PRAY FOR YOU**

Many people of the diocese have been impacted by the pandemic which has led to parishioners feeling disconnected, stressed or experiencing feelings of despair. Bishop John Doerfler invites you to send your personal prayer requests. Returned prayer cards are kept in his private chapel, where he will pray for your intentions for the next year. Printable and electronic prayer intentions cards may be found on his web page at: <https://www.dioceseofmarquette.org/bishop>.

CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE.

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection.

To learn more about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, please visit faithfulcitizenship.org. We care. Therefore, we vote.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ~ September 19-20
LECTORS**

4:00 p.m. Jim Walker
9:00 a.m. Jodi Maycunich
11:00 a.m. Bev Gaudette

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00 p.m. Sally Mattord
9:00 a.m. Bob Paul
11:00 a.m. Bob Paul

USHERS

4:00 p.m. Rob Barkle, Tom Menza
9:00 a.m. Paul Maycunich, Dennis Santini
11:00 a.m. Gary Latourelle, Merle Parsons

COUNTERS ~ MONDAY, September 14

Fran Formolo, Lynne McClure

PARISH SUPPORT ~ September 6

Parish Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses . \$4,051.00
Weekly Budgeted Assessed School Subsidy ... \$ 962.00
(School Subsidy-52 weeks for total of \$50,000 per year)
Total Weekly Budgeted Expenses \$5,013.00
This Week's Support \$4,426.25
(Includes Assessable receipts: Ordinary Income, Holy Day, Monthly Sacrifice, Children, Utilities, ACH, and the above offerings that come in during the week)
Visitors/Loose..... \$55.00
Total..... \$4,481.25
Expenses over Income(\$531.75)

ESTATE PLANNING

Remembering Immaculate Conception Church in your Will is one of the most meaningful legacies you can provide. Your gift may be expressed in these words: I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my estate) to Immaculate Conception Church of Iron Mountain, Michigan for its most important priorities.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

If you would like to join the prayer line or if you have a prayer request, please contact **Yvonne at 774-5730.**



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