

# Immaculate Conception Parish

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## Mission Statement

Empowered by the Holy Spirit to deepen our faith, through the joyful celebration of the sacraments, lifelong faith formation, generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure in service to one another and the larger community.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017



*Using Our Talents - November 18 & 19 - "Let Us Love Not With Words But With Deeds"*

### Pastoral Team

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**Faith Formation Coordinator:** Sandy Lezotte  
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### Prayer Network:

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### Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

Saturday: 9:00 am - Noon  
Anytime by appointment, call 869-2244

### Homebound, Nursing Home or Hospitalized:

Please let us know when a loved one would like a visit or the weekly bulletin. Call the parish office at 920-869-2244.

### For all the following:

- Baptism (classes required)
- Change of Address or Phone
- Funerals
- Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
- Marriage (call 8 months in advance)

Please call the parish office, between 9 am & 1 pm, at 869-2244 for assistance.

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

***God has given each of us special gifts (talents)***



Jesus' parable of the talents was an allegory on wise stewardship for his disciples while they awaited his return and anticipated the Last Judgment. In the story, each servant was given a different sum of money to invest. (A talent was a Greek coin worth about 6,000 denarii, equal to a year's wages. Its modern-day meaning of a special aptitude or gift is derived from the use of the word in this parable.) The first two servants made wise investments and doubled their money. The third servant, fearing his master's rebuke should he fail, buried the money for safe-keeping. When the master returned, each individual was asked to give an account of his stewardship. The wise servants were rewarded for their fidelity. They were given even greater responsibilities, and were invited to the heavenly banquet. The one who saw his master as a tyrant and therefore acted unwisely was punished, losing the gift that had been given to him.

*Fr. John C Katamba*



**Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, NOVEMBER 21**

The Scriptures tell us nothing of Mary's hidden life or about her presentation in the temple. That which is



known is found in the seventh chapter of the Apocryphal gospel of James, which has been dated by historians prior to the year 200 AD. This book gives us a detailed account in which Mary's father Joachim told Anna his wife that he wished to bring their daughter Mary to the Temple of the Lord. Anna responded that they

should wait until the child was three years old. When the day arrived, the priest received her, blessed her and kissed her in welcome. He proclaimed, "The Lord has magnified thy name in all generations. In thee, the Lord will manifest His redemption to the sons of Israel." Mary was placed on the third step of the Temple and there danced with joy and all the house of Israel loved her. It was there in the Temple that she was nurtured and her parents returned glorifying the Almighty. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important purpose. Through the Holy Spirit, Mary became a greater temple than any made by hands. Jesus, the Son of God, came to dwell in her and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work.

**Thanksgiving Day (U.S.A.)**

On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the turkey (Tom, after Thomas Jefferson) the United States national symbol because the bird is quick, wary, sharp-sighted, and exhibited a regal stance. The bald eagle nudged out the wild turkey for our official national symbol. The actual day we celebrate Thanksgiving in America was picked by our presidents, starting with George Washington who declared a one-time holiday. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November to be "...a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it to the fourth Thursday of November in 1939, to lengthen the Christmas shopping season. Norman Rockwell's cover painting for the Saturday Evening Post made the family Thanksgiving meal famous.

# Faith Formation

## How do you use your talents?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities.

Say: *In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.* Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: *We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.*

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Excerpt from the Sunday Connection. © Loyola Press. Used with permission. For more resources to nurture your faith, visit [www.loyolapress](http://www.loyolapress)

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit you have taught the hearts of your faithful. In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right and always rejoice in your consolation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Bless,

:D Sandy Lezotte

Immaculate Conception Faith Formation

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[Pray Always](#)

1 Thes. 5:17

## Weekly Mass Schedule

- 11-19 (Sun) 8:00 am – Mass for Charles and Mabel Van Lanen
- 11-21 (T) 8:10 am – Rosary  
8:30 am – Mass for Poor Souls in Purgatory Adoration after Mass.  
6:30pm Monthly Holy Hour
- 11-22 (W) 8:10 am – Rosary  
8:30 am – Mass for Anthony and Margaret Diederich
- No Faith Formation Classes**
- 11-23 (Thur) 8:00am Thanksgiving day Mass.
- 11-26 (Sun) 7:35 am – Rosary  
8:00 am – Mass for Bernie Wheelock

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 29 (Wed) 5:30pm Faith Formation
- Dec 5 (Tue) 8:10am – Rosary  
8:30am – Mass  
Adoration after Mass  
6:30pm Adoration and Benediction  
6:00pm – Know your faith @ SJ
- Dec 6 (Wed) 5:30 pm - Faith Formation  
8:10am – Rosary  
8:30am – Mass for Fr. Waclaw Jamroz
- Dec 8 (Fri) 6:30pm – Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Social to follow

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### Immaculate Conception Liturgical Ministers Sunday, November 26, 2017 @ 8:00 am

- Sacristan:** Joe Van Den Heuvel
- Hospitality/Ushers:** Jack Jahnke & Steve Adamski
- Lectors:** Tonya Garvey & Marla Van Lanen
- Musician:** Joe Van Den Heuvel & Paula Stec
- Bread:** Dcn. Jim Heider
- Cups:** Tonya Garvey, Marla Van Lanen, Dennis Eggener, Jeff Baeten
- Servers:** Emma and Jadyen Garvey

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### ANNA JOHN NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

- Nov 19 Sue Gehring
- Nov 26 Mike & Karla Dorman
- Dec 3 Frank Henn
- Dec 10 Jan Vankauwenberg

**POPE FRANCIS & BISHOP RICKEN**  
**Monthly Prayer Intentions - November**

**Pope Francis (Christians in Asia):** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

**Bishop Ricken (Homeless):** That our brothers and sisters who are homeless within our communities find shelter and protection, and that those who care for them may be strengthened in their ministry.

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*Stewardship Giving*

*Immaculate Conception Parish*

November Offerings thru 11/5	\$	1,191.81
Budget year-to-date:	\$	22,507.69
Actual year to date:	\$	20,074.02
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Maintenance Fund – Building Addition	\$	(27,086.67)
Reserved from HH prior years fund raisers	\$	50,000.00
Received for church door	\$	500.00
	\$	23,413.33

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**Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**



It's time to **empty out** your pantry again!!  
 On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> we will collect non-perishable food items to benefit local food pantries. Please be kind enough to donate one or two items, or an arm full from your pantry.

Thanks you - *Social Concerns Committee*

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**Feast Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Please join us at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, 4047 Chapel Drive, Champion, WI, 54229 on December 8, 2017 for "Feast Day for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary". Rosary at 10:30 am and Mass to follow at 11:00 am.

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Bring your best singing voice!! Starting Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm, through Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be "singing practice" for Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Joe Van Den Heuvel at [920-740-5998](tel:920-740-5998).

**COME FEAST ON OUR FEAST DAY!!**

*Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*



We will have **Mass at 6:30 pm**, come and celebrate the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. After Mass, we will be serving cupcakes, cookies, coffee and juice.

**Come and help us feast on our feast day and celebrate our Patron Saint Mary our Mother!**

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**Operation Puerto Rico Christmas**

Social Concerns Christmas project this year will be **Operation Puerto Rico Christmas**. We will be collecting donations from Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making a donation to this cause, and watch the bulletin for an enclosed envelope marked "Catholic Foundation, Puerto Rico Christmas".

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**Diocese of Green Bay 150th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration**



**From 1868 to 2018**

Bishop Ricken invites the faithful from the Diocese to gather in thanksgiving to God in a series of 12 special liturgies at the Diocese's Mother Church, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. This all starts in January of 2018, so watch the bulletin for updates or **Contact the Office of Divine Worship at (920) 272-8341 or e-mail [worship@gbdioc.org](mailto:worship@gbdioc.org)**.

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