



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

Septuagesima
Sunday

◆ February 5, 2012



Go you also into my Vineyard.

Immaculate Conception Church is a parish of the Archdiocese of Omaha. In August 2007, Archbishop Elden Curtiss entrusted the care of the parish to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter to provide the Mass and Sacraments in the Traditional Rites of the Catholic Church to any who so desire them. The Archbishop has given permission for anyone to become a member of Immaculate Conception Church, even if he or she remains a member of another parish. If you would like to join our growing parish, please fill out a parish registration form available at the church entrance and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office.

For those new to the Traditional Latin Mass or the parish, an orientation session is held by one of the priests after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the Church basement. You are invited to join us and tell your friends about Omaha's Latin Mass Parish.

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: High Mass 9:00 a.m. Low Mass 7:00 a.m. & 12 Noon

Monday through Saturday: 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday: 5:15 p.m. • **Thursday:** Noon • **Saturday:** 11:00 a.m.

Music for today's High Mass is found in the blue Traditional Roman Hymnal



Asperges, p. 2; Mass XI, p. 25; Credo III, pg. 34
Recessional Hymn: #214, Faith of Our Fathers

Pastor

Rev. John Branchich, F.S.S.P.

Associate Pastor

Rev. Terrence Gordon, F.S.S.P.

Parish Office (located in Rectory)

2708 S. 24th Street, Omaha NE 68108

Hours:

Monday--Friday

8:30 a.m. to Noon & 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Deaf/Hard of Hearing Accomodations:

Sunday noon Mass: ASL Interpreted

Rear Confessional: equipped with

amplified phone & UbiDuo keyboard

Videophone (VP) IP address:

63.227.144.251 or ZVRS #402-682-8828

I.C. Catholic Bookstore Hours:

Thurs.—Sun., 8 a.m.—12

Noon

Confessions

One-half hour before all scheduled Masses,
Thursday, 7:30 p.m. and by appointment

Baptisms & Marriages

All sacraments at I.C.C. are performed according to the Traditional Latin rites. Preparation for Marriage must begin at least six months prior to the desired date. Please call well in advance to arrange for baptisms.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

I.C.C. Bowlatorium, Gym & Party Room

—Available for party rentals—

Mass Calendar	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Sunday, February 5 (<i>II Cl</i>) Septuagesima Sunday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. <i>High</i> 12:00 Noon	Gordon Lickert rb ML Pro Populo (For the People) Sallie Blank+ rb CK
Monday, February 6 (<i>III Cl</i>) St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor	7:00 a.m.	Patrice Gurnon+ rb K&CS
Tuesday, February 7 (<i>III Cl</i>) St. Romuald, Abbot	7:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m.	People & Int. of St. Ann's Vail rb KG Martha Cich rb CP
Wednesday, February 8 (<i>III Cl</i>) St. John of Matha, Confessor	7:00 a.m.	Rita Halbur+ rb PM
Thursday, February 9 (<i>III Cl</i>) St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor <i>Commemoration of St. Apollonia</i>	7:00 a.m. 12:00 Noon	Rita Halbur+ rb DH James Stephens+ rb LC
Friday, February 10 (<i>III Cl</i>) St. Scholastica, Virgin	7:00 a.m.	Louise Shemek+
Saturday, February 11 (<i>III Cl</i>) Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. <i>High</i>	George & Laura Cervantes rb MK Confraternity of St. Peter Passo/Mertz Wedding
Sunday, February 12 (<i>II Cl</i>) Sexagesima Sunday	7:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. <i>High</i> 12:00 Noon	Pro Populo (For the People) Jerry Stolinski+ Celebrant's Intention

Coffee & Donuts Today



Please joins us for coffee and donuts downstairs immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass today sponsored by the ICC Young Ladies Sodality. Donations are gratefully accepted to help defray costs.

Thank You

Thank you to all of the ladies (and gentlemen) of the parish who contributed to our Parish Breakfast fundraiser. May God bless you all!

If You Are New, "Come on Down"

Immediately following the 9 a.m. Mass, in the Church basement, all are invited for a 20-minute introduction to the Traditional Latin Mass and ICC Parish. Explanations will be given and questions will be answered by one of the priests, along with an introduction to the use of the red missals and hand missals.

Sunday, February 5	Monday, February 6
10:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Practice Room)	7 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Practice Room)
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (Church Basement)	
10:15 a.m. Latin Mass Orientation (Church Basement)	
Thursday, February 9	Friday, February 10
7:45—8:45 a.m. Holy Hour to Pray for Priests (Church)	9 a.m. Church Cleaning
9 a.m.—7 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Church)	6:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting (Church Basement)
7 p.m.—8 p.m. Holy Hour with Benediction (Church)	

From the Pastor



The 40 days of Lent are a time of preparation for Easter, and the 2-1/2 weeks of Septuagesima are a time of preparation for Lent. During these two weeks, we should all be planning and figuring out how we can best “hit the ground running” when Ash Wednesday arrives on February 22. Since Easter is relatively late this year, we have a little more time to get geared up so that we don’t face the reality: “What? It’s Ash Wednesday already?” Some of the ways that the Church marks this time of Septuagesima: the vestments are the penitential color of violet, the joyful word “alleluia” is no longer heard from now until Easter Sunday, and the Gloria is omitted at Mass on Sundays and ferias (weekdays). When you see these things, remember to prepare both spiritually and practically, for our annual Lenten practices.

Your prayers and support for vocations are bearing more fruit. This past Thursday on the Feast of the Purification of the B.V.M. at a morning Mass, our parishioner Miss Katie Montgomery, was received into the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Valparaiso, Nebraska. Originally from California, Katie had been living in Omaha and attending I.C.C. since 2007. Those who know her know she has been discerning a vocation for quite a while. She joins Sister Mary Veronica, daughter of Mike and Cece Passo, also from our parish, who entered the Carmel in 2009. Although cloistered Carmelites do not often receive visitors, I know that Katie will very much appreciate our prayers and that she will be praying for us daily.

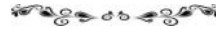
ICC Mardi-Gras



Wanted: All talented (and not-so-talented) parishioners to participate in the first annual Mardi-Gras Talent Show/Pot Luck Lunch Sunday, February 19, after the 12:00 noon Mass. Please bring some food to share for a relaxing afternoon of fun and fellowship before we begin our Lenten penance. To R.S.V.P., call Karen Ciacchio, 402-625-2659, or Edie LaPlante, 402-861-5084, by February 8.

Wedding Banns

Let it be known to all here present that Joseph Vincent Passo, son of Michael and Cecilia of the Passo family, and Danielle Briana Mertz, daughter of Ronald Mertz and Therese Mertz, intend to contract marriage between themselves. Therefore, we admonish all that if anyone is aware of any existing impediment that would prohibit marriage between them, that he is obligated to reveal it as soon as possible to the Parish Priest or the Archbishop, and this serves as the third publication of these Banns.



Let it be known to all here present that Daniel Joseph Astuto, son of Joseph and Connie of the Astuto family, and Brittany Marie Brown, daughter of David and Bonnie of the Brown family, intend to contract marriage between themselves. Therefore, we admonish all that if anyone is aware of any existing impediment that would prohibit marriage between them, that he is obligated to reveal it as soon as possible to the Parish Priest or the Archbishop, and this serves as the third publication of these Banns.

Blessed Candles



Candles blessed on Candlemas which had been purchased from the Young Ladies Sodality may be picked up today after all Masses. Thank you for supporting our Sodality!

Children’s Choir

Children’s Choir rehearsals resume today at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room. New members, ages 6-16 are welcome to join us! Please contact Mrs. Paal for further information.

Second Collection Next Sunday

As a parish of the Archdiocese of Omaha, we are required from time to time to take up certain special collections. The second collection next Sunday will be the “4 in 1” Home and Foreign Missions Collection which includes the Church in Latin America, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic University of America and the Commissariat of the Holy Land.

Tuesday, February 7

6 p.m. Legion of Mary (Church Basement)
7 p.m. Marketing Committee Meeting (Rectory Parlor)

Wednesday, February 8

6:30 p.m. K of C Rosary (Church)
7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (Party Room)

Saturday, February 11

2:00 p.m. Passo/Mertz Wedding (Church)

Sunday, February 12

10:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Practice Room)
10:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts (Church Basement)

Eucharistic Adoration

Adorers are needed for Thursday's Eucharistic Adoration. Hours most needed are 3-4 p.m., 5-6 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Also, substitutes are needed for the early morning hours. To volunteer call Susie Weberg at 402-339-2372.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Religious Liberties Threatened

On January 20th, the Department of Health and Human Services issued a stunning and extremely disappointing final rule mandating that contraception and sterilization be included at no cost to the insured in all health care plans. The very narrow religious exemption was unchanged from the interim final rule, only offering a year of "grace" to comply.

This means that most Catholic ministries would be compelled to provide and pay for "services" (i.e., sterilization and contraception, including some abortifacients) that are a clear violation of Catholic teaching. It rests on the appalling notion that the federal government can tell religious ministries what is religious. In this case, it says that a ministry is not religious if it serves or employs people who are not members of that religious body. For us, it is precisely our faith that calls us to "serve the least of these" without regard for their religious affiliation. We serve the poor, the hungry, the sick, the homeless, and educate children "not because they are Catholic, but because we are." In short, the decision of the Administration is bad morality, bad policy and, for that matter, bad politics.

The threat to our religious liberties is very real and challenging. The government should not be forcing us to choose between putting our faith into action and violating our consciences. Likewise the Administration's action poses real threats to the Church's capacity to offer adequate health care coverage for those who serve in our charitable and educational ministries in ways that reflect our teaching and moral principles. This decision tries to force us to choose between these two principles. The rule would go into effect for religious employers in August 2013 and employers' new policies would have to be implemented by January 2014. The purpose of the year is supposedly to allow us time to comply, but in fact we have a year to reverse, repeal or change this unjust mandate.

Archbishop Lucas urges you to take note of the serious violation of the principle of freedom of conscience that will be enforced by the current administration in Washington. The U.S. bishops are committed to study the implementation of the new HHS regulations and to work with other Americans of goodwill to reform our laws to change these unjust regulations.

Below are links to several statements, fact sheets and other materials that can assist you in helping to fix this injustice.

Links:

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-012.cfm>

<http://www.usccb.org/about/general-counsel/rulemaking/comments-proposed-hhs-regs-neonates-research-2001-08.cfm>

http://www.archomaha.org/eNews_eVents/2012/USCCB_Fact_Sheet_on_Contraception_coverage.pdf

Pro-Life Essay Contest

All students in grades 7-11 or their equivalent attending Catholic schools, Catholic religious formation, or Catholic homeschool in the Archdiocese of Omaha are eligible to participate in the 2012 Archdiocesan Student Pro-Life Essay Contest. Cash prizes will be given to the top three winners in each grade; first-place winners will compete against others in the state for additional awards and cash prizes. The contest begins January 22 and ends March 25, 2012. Please contact Elizabeth Murphy at 402.551.9003, ext. 1323, for a registration form.

Appeal Goal Met

January 27, 2012

Father Branchich,

Please congratulate the parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish for reaching their annual appeal goal! They have topped their annual appeal goal in three of the twelve Annual Appeals (2007, 2008, 2011)!!

Lloyd R.C. (Ron) Worthington, Officer
Archdiocese of Omaha

Weekly Financial Report for Sunday, January 29, 2012		
Envelopes		\$5,911.48
Loose Cash		172.88
Fuel Contribution		129.00
Children's Collection		3.75
Initial Offering		9.00
<i>Weekly Budget: \$6,278.00</i>	TOTAL	\$6,226.11
Total Collected Year-to-date		\$179,087.64
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget		194,618.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Over/Under Budget		-\$15,530.36
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (not included in budget)		
Parish Vocations Fund		\$492.12
BUILDING FUND (Church Interior Restoration)		
This Week's Contributions		270.00
New Fund Balance		\$44,445.56