



Then the king will say to those on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from
the foundation of the world.'

Matthew 25:34

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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES:

Holy Days: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DAILY MASS:

8:00 a.m. - Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:25 p.m.

BAPTISMS:

Call the office for appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Call the Office at least four months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to the Parish.
Please register after Mass or at the Office.

WEB SITE:

www.icparishmb.org

Please remember Immaculate Conception in your will.

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CHRIST THE KING



Saturday, November 25

9:00 a.m. Stella Monks by the Gabrielli Family
4:30 p.m. Marian Donohue by her Husband

Sunday, November 26

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Eileen Daly by Joan & George Bourgeois

Monday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Edward Vanderzee by Glenn Marsh

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Dan Buckley by Sallie & Harry Fleck

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Stella Monks by the Gabrielli Family

Thursday, November 30

8:00 a.m. John Marian by Tom & Ann Youngblood

Friday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Members & Families of the Immaculate
Conception Women's Guild

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. Sophie Vanderzee (Living) by Glen Marsh
4:30 p.m. Edward Nugent by wife, Alice

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Quist by Barbara Lizardi
9:00 a.m. Diane Spinosa by Andy & Jane Revay
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish



Due to early publishing deadlines, the Offertory Collection amount is not available. It will be published next week.



If you would like to purchase fresh flowers for the altar for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one contact Joy Dimon at 956-1834.

Altar Flowers: November 26, 2017 – In Honor of Christ the King by the Immaculate Conception Women's Guild

VISITS FOR THE SICK

If you know someone who is homebound, in a nursing home or rehabilitation center, and would like a visit from the Ministers to the Sick or a priest, please notify Susan Misner at 514-9548.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

A Miraculous Medal Novena will be held every Monday immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Booklets for the Novena are in the center aisle.

PRAYER LINE

Please call in prayer requests for the Telephone Prayer Line to Marian Kulik at 728-1302 or Rosemarie Meerbott at 725-7053.

DAILY ROSARY AND BOOK OF PETITIONS

There is a prayer petition book to Our Lady of the Rosary located on the shelf at the back of the church. List your petitions - they will be included with the recitation of the rosary prayed before and after daily Mass. All are welcome to join us.

ALTAR CARE

Would you be interested in helping to wash and iron our small Altar linens? If so, we need you! For more information on our ministry contact Linda Williams at 676-1476 or Edith Dinnan at 984-7128.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday, December 2

4:30 p.m. Vicezina Bates, Dolly Biennas, Ted Cooper, Richard Crowley, Mary Pat Maguire, Marlene Marando, Toni Polster, Dan Savage, Ann Youngblood

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. Jackie Baduini, Bill Devaney, Bonita Payne, Joan Sochacki, Amy Sullivan
9:00 a.m. Carol Colombo, Joy Dimon, Gary Easton, Wendy Ellis, Mary Ann Marchak, Mary Kay O'Toole, Anne Pertierra, Angela Phillips, Sonja Villaire
11:00 a.m. Mike Benner, Beverly Burton, Agnes Crowley, Jenna Maffei, Blake Ostrosser, Jeff Perry, Estelle Racanelli, Judith Rohan, Julie Scott

READERS

Saturday, December 2

4:30 p.m. Diane Gabrielli, Adam Blackwell

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. Eric Smith, Amy Sullivan
9:00 a.m. Jennifer Helin, Mary Paternoster
11:00 a.m. Winifred Brown, Veronica Scott

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 2

4:30 p.m. Julia & Evan Blackwell

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. None Assigned
9:00 a.m. Mylee Rainbow, Mary Zerfass
11:00 a.m. Aiden & Trey Arms

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

December 2nd & 3rd for Retired Religious

Please give generously to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection, Dec. 2/3. This fund offers financial help for the day-to-day care of more than 34,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious-order priests nationwide.

Traditionally, men and women religious worked for small stipends that furnished only the basics of daily living. As a result, a majority of religious communities now lack adequate savings for retirement, with the men and women living on an average of approximately \$4,900 annually in Social Security benefits, roughly one-third of the amount received by the average beneficiary in the United States.

BIRTHRIGHT/GENESIS HOUSE

Next weekend, **December 2nd & 3rd** is Birthright Weekend, for our parish. Collections are taken for the Birthright Center and the three Genesis Houses. Birthright and Genesis House envelopes are available near the baskets in the back of the Church and checks should be made out to "Birthright" or "Genesis House". Goods needed include soaps, detergents, paper towels, maternity clothes, diapers. We will also have the **Penny Sunday Collection**. Please consider giving your pennies to Birthright, an organization that helps pregnant, needy mothers. Drop your bag of pennies in the special bucket marked "Birthright" by the entrance of the church.

INTERESTED IN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

Don McCredie is our parish coordinator for the Knights of Columbus Bishop Verot Council 5845. He can be reached at (321)622-5913.

**ADVENT-CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT
GIFT ENVELOPES AVAILABLE**

Please pick up specially-marked envelopes located at the entrances of the Church to help prepare our church for the Advent-Christmas Season. We'd like to expand and enhance the creation of a beautiful environment for worship this Advent-Christmas season. Your generous gifts will be used for purchasing not only flowers, but also other décor for both the exterior and interior of the church. Remembrances and donors will be printed in the bulletin following Christmas Day.

WOMEN'S GUILD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 2017

Dec. 4, Mon. at noon Christmas Lunch at Dove III
December 10, Sunday Coffee Sunday
January 26 & 27 Rummage Sale

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON at Dove III

Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses starting Sat., Nov 11 thru Nov. 26 - Limited seating - \$25 per person
Contact: Frances 984-9405/Joan 956-7918

Basket of Liquor/Gourmet Raffle

Tickets available after all weekend Masses starting Nov. 12
\$1 per ticket; 7 for \$5 & 15 for \$10

"WHAT SWEETER MUSIC"

Start your Advent season with a FREE concert on **Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m.** in our church, presented by the combined choirs of Immaculate Conception and Advent Grace Lutheran churches. Plan to stay after the concert to enjoy refreshments and a living Nativity scene.

YOU'LL LOVE THE MUSIC !!



If you enjoy contemporary Christian praise music, come to the 11:00 Mass on November 26th!

JOIN US FOR THE CHRISTMAS BIBLE PARADE!

Please come out and join us on Saturday, Dec. 2nd (from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for the Bible on Parade. We need about 15 volunteers to walk a short 2-mile route with us. Free food and drinks waiting for us after the parade. Call Amy Sullivan at (321) 795-0740 or Eric Smith (321) 795-0476 to sign up.

**FR. BEN OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES HIS NEWEST BOOK
OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS THIS SUNDAY, Nov. 26th**

**JOIN OUR PASTOR, FR. BEN for the official launch
of his newest book, Stooping Down: Getting Close
Enough to See**

Following all three Sunday morning Masses November 26, in the Parish Hall Fr. Ben will make available for purchase (cash or check only) personally signed copies all three of his books:

- ◆ **Firestarters: For the Seasons of Our Life (2011)**
\$18.95
 - ◆ **Tucked in the Rocks: Life Lessons from the Land
of Enchantment (2012)** \$14.95
 - ◆ **Stooping Down (2017)** \$16.95
- Special purchase price for set of all 3: \$45.00**
*Consider any one or all three for yourself, or perhaps as
holiday gifts*



FR. BEN'S "PAPER CLIPS"

Are you yet recovered from overindulging around the Thanksgiving table? Hopefully, you haven't accidentally outgrown any Christmas gifts of clothing someone may be intending to give you this year!

I'll never forget something like this happened to me the summer before I was going into the 6th grade. We had recently moved back from California to Pittsburgh, and I joined my grandmother on an annual pilgrimage to my godmother's "mom and pop" store in Baltimore. My grandmother visited her sister a few times a year, trying to lend a hand and give my aunt Fran and uncle Al a little breather from running the family business. I was thrilled to be able to tag along most summers, and in my own small way, tried to help out as well. They owned a wonderful little place with a bakery case, old-fashioned soda fountain (we actually made our own Cokes by squirting Coke syrup into a glass and then spraying in the mixer), a deli counter, and an array of small grocery items. There was always something to do, such as cleaning the stock room, sweeping the floors, or even pricing the canned goods with an old aluminum, self-inking hand-stamper!

On this particular summer visit, which lasted most likely about two weeks, it seems I overindulged in the bakery case and perhaps snuck one too many Tasty Cakes for my own good. When I returned home, just days before the start of the new school year, I had put on enough weight that I no longer was able to wear the brand-new school clothes my mother had purchased before I traveled to Baltimore! Much to my mom's and my own horror, when we went out to buy a few new pairs of pants, I now had to wear "Husky"-sized britches!

Ever since that time, I have been very conscious of my food intake and waist size—from that moment on my motto became "moderation in all things!"

The season of overindulgence has really just begun, as we make our way to the celebration of Christmas—and this is the challenge of the season we are about to enter next Sunday—the Season of Advent. Christmas is so BIG—and Advent is so small! So small that we may miss it, and to miss Advent, as Sr. Joan Chittister once wrote, is to run the risk of all together missing the true meaning of the Nativity of the Lord!

In an effort to make sure we have every opportunity *not* to miss Advent, you have received this weekend, a brochure that outlines several ways to make this coming Advent season an "Advent-Christmas to Remember!" This year, we truly hope it's not the "same-old-same-old!" I invite you to keep this brochure posted on your refrigerator or in a place of prominence in your home, so you can share in as many of the events we offer as you are able.

To celebrate the new church year, we also will be launching next weekend a new version of our weekly parish bulletin—you will see a dramatic change in the size, format and content—so that our bulletin can be not only a source of basic information, but also a tool to help us grow as a family in faith.

As the many pre-Christmas preparations begin now in earnest, please make the important effort to prepare a fully alive spiritual heart renewed for the adventing of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Fr. Ben

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