



Our Catholic Voice
St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception

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September 2019

Fourth Quarter



Baptisms at Immaculate Conception



Natalie Christine Adams, daughter of Anna (Erickson) and Anthony Adams was baptized by Fr. Joseph at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, July 14, 2019.



Kevin Joseph Klatt, son of Joel and Tracy Klatt, was baptized at Immaculate Conception by Fr. Joseph on Saturday, July 27, 2019.



Mark Your Calendars

Office Closed: Monday, September 2

First Day of Religious Education:

SD - Wed. Sept. 11 K-12 6:00 - 7:15 pm

IC - Wed. Sept. 11 Gr 1-8 3:45 - 5:00 pm

Wed. Sept. 11 Gr 9-12 6:30 - 7:45 pm

IC Harvest Festival: Sunday, Sept. 15

SD Holiday Bazaar: November 23

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm at SD

Sunday: 8:30 am at IC
10:30 am at SD

Tuesday: 10:30 am at SD

Wednesday: 10:30 am at SD

Thursday: 5:30 pm
(Big Gust Apartments)

Friday: 5:30 pm at IC



Anointing of the Sick

- 2nd weekend at both Parishes



Knights of Columbus officers installation took place at Immaculate Conception after the 8:30 am Mass, Sunday, August 18, 2019. From left to right, Financial Secretary Gerry Vogel, Trustee Carl Lindgren, Installing Officer District Deputy John Scheidt, Trustee David Rudolph and Treasurer John Miller.

Family of the Month award was given to the Brian Webster family of Immaculate Conception Parish on Sunday, August 18 at the 8:30 am Mass. The family exemplifies what a Knight in the Knight of Columbus personifies by volunteering in all aspects of church services and organizations. Brian and his family organize Council 6370's punt, pass and kick event along with District 87 and 89 and Superior Diocese punt, pass and kick events. Brian also organizes the Council and District Free Throw contest. Brian is an usher. Shannon is a sacristan. Nick and Jordan are both altar servers.



Brian, Shannon, Jordan and Nick Webster

FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Mass 9:30 a.m.

GRILLED CHICKEN & ROAST PORK DINNER

with all the fixings - includes homemade pie!

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Free Will Offering

Express Carry Out Available

Watch the Packer-Viking Football Game!

Raffle Drawing with Cash Prizes – Grand Prize - \$500.00

Raffle Proceeds to be used for Children's Playground

Farmers Market / Country Store
Games & prizes - Large Bounce Castle for the kids

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
HIGHWAY 70 - GRANTSBURG, WISCONSIN

St. Dominic held its 57th Annual Summer Festival on Sunday, July 28. Many friends and neighbors joined for a feast of grilled chicken and sides of potato, coleslaw, dinner rolls, topped off with a large slice of homemade pie.

While rain cut the festival a little short this year, many still enjoyed bingo, children's games, the cake walk, the bottle lotto game and bidding on the silent auction items which included 12 yards of gravel, a set of china, a fishing tackle box, beer sampler and much more.

Raffles were also a highlight of the Summer Festival. This year's winners of the major raffle were: \$500 - Jim Rivard, Blaine, MN; \$400 - Gary Marek, Grantsburg; \$300 - Lisa Tolan, Luck; \$200 - Barb Dinnies, Luck, and \$100 - Tony Carpenter, New Brighton, MN. A quilt, created and donated by Elisabeth Franzen, was also part of the raffle event.



It was won by Mary Erickson of Luck. Almost thirty uniquely, creative baskets were part of the basket raffle.



Pax Christi Award Presented at the Annual Convention of the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Bishop James Powers is pictured here with four of the five Pax Christi nominees: Sara Hunt of Immaculate Conception, Grantsburg; Mary Arts of St. Mary's, Bruce; Margaret Rasmussen of St. Mary's, Minong; and Marie Martin of St. Peter's, Winter.

By Sara Hunt

Being selected as the Pax Christi candidate for IC was an honor for me; I am very grateful! Thanks to Pat Kutz for her very generous offer of writing a letter on my behalf. As one of the five Pax Christi candidates, John and I arrived in Medford in time for the banquet where we enjoyed a delicious dinner and met many kind and gracious women along with Bishop Powers.

The following day we heard keynote speaker Judy Hehr. I was very impressed by her energetic address as well as the Bishop's interesting presentation. The hard work of all the ladies of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish was much appreciated. I am so glad I went. Unfortunately the woman who won the Pax Christi award, Mary Jean Sutton of St. Bridget in River Falls, was unable to attend.

Next year, the 70th Annual Convention of the Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet at St. Joseph Parish in Rice Lake.

The Pax Christi legend appears on the Bishop's coat of arms – it means Peace of Christ. It recognizes the devout, hard working Christian women within our parishes. It is a way to honor deserving women who live their faith as an example for all.

By Stephanie Weyenberg

What's New for Religious Education Students

As we enter another year of faith formation at our parishes, I am excited to share some of the new programs and events for our youth. Students in all grades will be learning more about the Bible and how to use it. New Bibles, entitled *The Catholic Children's Bible* by St. Mary's Press, have been purchased for grades 1-6 students to use in their classrooms. These are very unique Bibles as they teach children how the Bible is organized, the purpose of each book of the Bible and how to find a Bible passage. It also pulls out specific Bible stories and expands on them with pictures and discussion points. These features help students to better understand the Bible as well as see how the stories are connected over time. A special thank you to the SD CCW and an anonymous donor for covering the cost of the Bibles for the SD classrooms. These Bibles will be used each week as part of the new curriculum, *Discover!*, also by St. Mary's Press for grades 1-6. This is a very engaging program that does a great job of teaching the Catholic faith.

The middle school and high school students will also grow deeper in their knowledge of the Bible. These classes will present an 8-week, video-based Bible study program with Mark Hart. Students will get to see the big picture of salvation history presented in the Bible and learn how it impacts their daily lives. Salvation history is a term given to the overarching story of God and His creation: the creation of humanity, the fall of humanity, the covenants God makes with humanity and the redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ. Essentially, the love story between God and humanity.

Youth in both middle school and high school will also be participating in monthly *Encounter Events*. These events are held during their normal Wednesday Religious Education classes and combine SD and IC youth in grades 7-12. A couple of these events involve traveling to youth events or rallies at other parishes, but most will be led by myself at our parishes. The purpose of these events is two-fold. First, to provide an opportunity for the youth to encounter Jesus Christ at a deeper level. Secondly, to help students build a stronger faith community among their peers. Some of the topics for the *Encounter Events* include Adoration, Divine Mercy and the Four Last Things. Please also watch the bulletin and flyers for other upcoming youth events.

I want to thank everyone who works so hard to make our Religious Education program a success!

CCW Spring Fling

IC CCW sponsored a Spring Fling at Virginia Hennessey's Smoland Homestead on Monday, June 10 for women of IC and SD. It was a very relaxing time on a lovely summer day! The food was delicious but, best of all, was the time the ladies were able to spend together and visit with one another.

Joann Freese was the guest of honor for the evening as she had recently retired after many, many years of accompanying the IC choir during Mass.

We are grateful to Virginia for all the time and effort she put into helping us celebrate our Spring Fling in her lovely home and peaceful surroundings!



Parishioners John and Bonnie Scheidt helped cut trees and cleaned up debris on the property.



The Carmelite Hermitage in Luck sustained damage during the July 19 wind storm that hit the Luck and Bone Lake area. Parishioners quickly came to the aid of Sister Kristine Haugen. Lindsey Wallin fixed a hole in the roof where a tree came through. Don Supinski and Lindsey put a wooden beam back up after it came down due to the falling tree and they reinstalled a ceiling fan that was damaged as well. Larry French cut many of the trees that were down on the property. John and Bonnie Scheidt cleaned up other debris.

Sister Kristine is very grateful for the quick response and help from our parishioners. Thank you to all!



By Deacon Stan

Life - a Blessing from God

One consistent Catholic teaching is the sanctity of all human life, from conception until natural death. At the same time, our Church strives to offer hope and reconciliation to parents who have aborted their unborn children.

The showing of the movie "Unplanned" continues to act as a catalyst for conversations regarding life. As Catholics, we should not get caught up in the euphemisms used to describe the killing of innocent children. Rather, let us lovingly offer a life message of hope. Let us offer compassion and active assistance to pregnant mothers who are having difficulties. As Catholics, let us offer solutions.

Life is a gift, a blessing from God, and we should be leaders in protecting life.

Respecting the dignity of life is an issue for all reasonable people. Deep in our being, as part of the natural law, we know that killing babies is wrong. When the faith element is added, understanding life principles leaves us with a strong pro-life attitude. In essence, our faith coincides with the common sense view of being pro-life. All children have a right to life regardless of their race, age, or other circumstances.

Please do not be swayed by the culture that seeks to destroy. While society appears to embrace the culture of violence and death, we should not. While culture celebrates brutality in film, acts it out in video games, and endorses it in public, we should not.

Change starts in our own homes. As Catholics, we have the responsibility to spread Christ's message about the dignity of all human life to our culture.

A Welcoming Spirit for Our Indian Priests

By Colleen Draxler

It's not just us! Many parishes in the Superior Diocese are having a change in priests this year. Bishop Powers spoke about priest assignments in the Diocese of Superior in an address he gave at the Council of Catholic Women Convention in June. According to an article by Jenny Snarski in the June 28, 2019, *Catholic Herald*, Bishop Powers stated, "As a diocese, we are down to having 22 active diocesan priests.' He estimated that 20 years ago, there were close to 45. Clarifying that two of the 22 were Indian priest who had incardinated into the Diocese of Superior, he noted there will be 15 priests from India serving parishes this year. 'We are almost 50 percent-next year probably over 50 percent-priests from India...without (them), there is no way there would not be one-third or more of the parishes in the diocese closing.'" Bishop Powers continued, "We need to get down on our knees and thank God they are willing to come, to be with us, to minister to us, to witness to us God's love for us."

As we say farewell to Father Joseph and welcome to Father Joseph Raj Aluri, we need to continue our parishes' supportive prayers and actions during this time of transition. We can share a welcoming spirit by being patient, friendly and grateful. We need to continue providing practical services for our new priest: transportation to appointments, assistance getting his social security number and a driver's license, locating local resources – grocery stores, banks, and winter clothes. What can you do to help?

Chris Newkirk, the Diocese of Superior's Director of Ecclesial Ministries and Diocesan Consultation, was quoted in the July 11, 2019, *Catholic Herald*, "The lay faithful, as well as the many dedicated permanent deacons across the diocese, also have an important role in the life of the Church; offer your gifts in order to complement and complete those of your primary pastoral leader.' Summarizing, Newkirk said each priest has gifts to offer; the reality that each of these men has given his life to follow a common call to the priesthood, to sacrifice himself for love of God and in service to His Church, is inspiring."

Please step forward and ask how you can assist our priest and parishes of St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception during this time of change.



With the help of St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception parishioners, the Knights of Columbus were able to donate just over \$1,300 to Tri-County Options for Women as part of the Baby Bottle Drive. Options for Women is 'dedicated to the protection and promotion of the sanctity of Life through comprehensive support and services before and after birth.'

John Scheidt, Grand Knight of Council 6370, is shown presenting the check to Karen Mickelson of Options for Women in Osceola.

Religious Education Upcoming Events

The Religious Education program will begin in September, so please check the schedule carefully. Below are the initial meetings and classes:

Wed Sept. 4 – RE Kick-Off Family Party
6:00 - 7:30 pm at SD & IC

Wed Sept. 11 - 1st Day of class for all students
3:45 pm Grades 1 - 8 @ IC
6:30 pm Grades 9 - 12 @ IC
6:00 pm all students @ SD

Catechist Blessing Ceremony
Sunday Mass Sept. 15 @ both parishes

First Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 4:00 pm @ IC
Wednesday, Sept. 18 @ 6:00 pm @ SD

Youth Event in Spooner (Grades 7 - 12)
Wednesday, Sept. 25

Youth Mass @ SD
Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 am

High School/Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, October 13 @ SD

Youth Mass @ SD
Sunday, November 3 at 10:30 am

High School Discipleship Weekend @ Mason
November 9 - 11

Thanksgiving Break—No Class
November 27

Youth Mass @ SD
Sunday, December 1 at 10:30 am

Mandatory 1st Reconciliation Retreat @ IC
Saturday, December 14 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wood Lake



African Animal Safari Teaches About Prayer!

By Karen Hill

This year we went on an African prayer safari for our Summer Bible Adventure. We learned about African animals, a few words in Swahili, and the importance of prayer in our lives.

We learned that God **listens** to our prayers, especially if we pray often. God **provides** us with answers to our prayers even if it's not the answer we want. God **forgives** us when we truly ask for forgiveness. God **protects** us from the influences of evil through faith and God **rules** over the universal kingdom that we become a part when we have faith, live lives of service and be the best we are



capable of being. Our adventure included ten students in grades kindergarten to 6th. Six Middle School and High School students helped set up daily events and run stations.



Thank you to all families who set aside warm summer evenings for the children's faith formation. Thank you to all the participant who came to have fun on our adventures and thank you to the student helpers who gave of their time to help the program go off smoothly.

We look forward to next year's adventure—perhaps the Olympics will be involved.



Luck Park

Parishioners Come Together

Ten Wednesday evenings this summer found St. Dominic and Immaculate Conception members gathered at various homes and parks in Grantsburg, Luck and Frederic to celebrate Mass and enjoy a potluck supper. Between 30 and 40 people attended these celebrations which built community as friends, old and new, shared meals as one parish cluster.



**Immaculate Conception CCW
Fall Rummage Sale**
Saturday, September 28
8:00 am until 1:00 pm.
Free will offering for all items.
Two locations—Parish Hall and Pavilion
Coffee, Cinnamon Rolls and Homemade Soup
As you start cleaning out your closets this fall, please think about donating those slightly used items to the church to help make this event a huge success.

**St. Dominic
Holiday Bazaar**
Saturday, November 23
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Crafts, White Elephant Items,
Baked Goods, Basket Raffles,
Cinnamon Rolls, Pie
and Coffee.
Drawings every 15 minutes.
Visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus!
Come Join the FUN!!



Religious Education Registration & Kick-Off
Registration for Religious Education classes will be held at the first session on Wednesday, September 4. The year will begin with a kick-off party for families - students will participate in games and meet their teachers, while parents will learn about the new resources and activities planned for this coming year.
Supper will be provided and fun will be had by all!
Wednesday, September 4
Kick-Off Party at both parishes: 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Kid Quiz
Any child between first and sixth grade who can answer the following question by September 16th will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$5 Subway gift card.
What is the name of the first book of the Bible?
Drop your answer with your name and phone number in the collection basket at Mass for a chance to win.



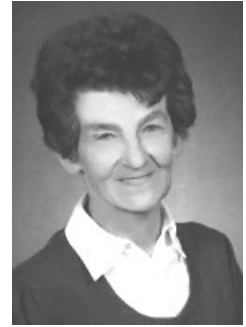
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to turn your clock back on Sunday, November 3.

Farewell Masses & Potlucks
We are wishing Fr. Joseph well as he begins his new assignment in Somerset with potlucks after Mass.
At IC Friday, September 6 following the 5:30 pm Mass.
At SD Saturday, September 14 following the 4:30 pm Mass.
We wish you all the Best
Join us at either celebration!

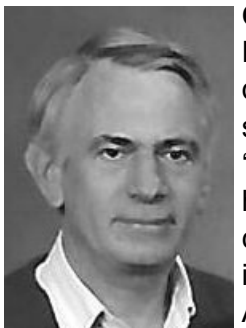
All Saints' Day
All Saints' Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses at our parishes are:
Thurs, October 31 @ SD 5:30 pm
Fri, November 1 @ SD 10:30 am
Fri, November 1 @ IC 5:30 pm

We Need YOUR Help!!
Our Scrip Program is for more than just a gift card at Christmas or a birthday. This program can *and should* be used for everyday purchases such as food, gas, home projects and much more.
If just 25 families used this program for their monthly expense, our parishes could generate over \$700 of income a month. Right now our profits are around \$450 with only a few families using it.
Purchasing these shopping cards costs you the face value of the card—*that's it*. The church gets the profits from the businesses.
Ask your fellow parishioners which cards they purchase and how they use the program. Stop by the Scrip table after Mass each week.

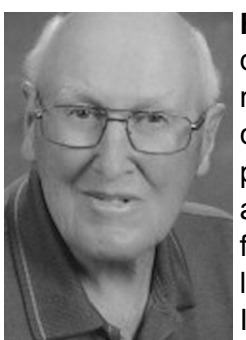
Remembering Loved Ones



Rose Chute, member of Immaculate Conception, died July 1, 2019. She was born on January 22, 1934 in Perham Minnesota. She enjoyed bird watching and gardening. She was a sports enthusiast - cheering for the Twins, had a very strong faith - dedicating many hours of service to her church, enjoyed the holidays, and always put family first. She will be greatly missed by her children: Linda, Lauri, Cindy, Cheryl, JoAnn, Vaughn, Vernon and Len. A Memorial Mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church on July 6, 2019.




Charlie Altstatt, member of St. Dominic, died July 16, 2019. He was born on November 12, 1941. While Charlie had a degree in mechanical engineering, he had an entrepreneurial spirit, was involved in many projects and was known as an 'ideas man.' He was married to Marge for 50 years and they had five children: Rosanne, Aimee, Jim, Dan, and Anne. He cofounded the Lake Country Pedalers and was very involved in the Knights of Columbus even serving as the Grand Knight. A Memorial Mass was held at St. Dominic on August 3, 2019.



Ray (Buster) Hinrichs, member of Immaculate Conception, died August 19, 2019. He was born on August 14, 1928 and married Betty Ryan on April 15, 1950. To this union three children were born: Daniel, Thomas and Mary Lynn. They purchased the family farm in 1958, milking cows, raising cattle and growing corn and beans until 2012. Ray was a loving family man and an avid Brewer, Badger and Packer fan. He loved reading and traveling. A Memorial Mass was held at Immaculate Conception on August 23, 2019.

Bible Study Opportunities for All in our Parishes
With the start of the new school year comes a variety of opportunities for adults to learn more about the Bible and Church history.
A new Adult Bible Study class this year called *Epic: A Journey Through Church History* will begin on Wednesday, October 2 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at St. Dominic. This is a video-based program covering topics such as The Life of the Early Christians, The True Story of the Crusades, The Evolution of Protestantism and the Persecution of Christians in the Twentieth Century.
The IC Bible Study will begin again in late September (watch the bulletin for exact date). They will meet on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm and will be studying the Book of Romans. For more information or to sign up contact Emily Hesla.
The SD Bible Study will meet starting on Tuesday, September 3 at 9:15 am using a NEW resource, *Our Sunday Readings*, with reflection questions and commentary on the upcoming Sunday readings.

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE
Study



2019-2020 Catholic Services Appeal

Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives.
- Bishop Powers

The gratitude we express for all Christ's blessing in our lives is measured by our stewardship. While our parishes rely on the contributions of all our members, our diocese depends on our giving to the CSA to fund the over thirty critical programs, services and ministries throughout our 16 county Diocese. Just like our families and parishes have a yearly budget, so too does the diocese. It is our responsibility as members of this diocese to help them meet this budget.
We began our Parishes' Appeal August 17th & 18th, watching a video from Bishop Powers and asking all parishioners to prayerfully consider their contribution. St. Dominic's goal this year is **\$20,162** and Immaculate Conception's goal is **\$15,529**. With approximately 105 and 85 contributing families respectively that is less than \$200 per family. We realize some families cannot afford that much, but other families can contribute more.
We ask that you help us responsibly meet our goals in this campaign by giving to the best of your ability. While you may not be aware of all the programs and services the diocese offers, rest assured that our parishes do make use of many of them. Watch the weekly bulletins for examples.