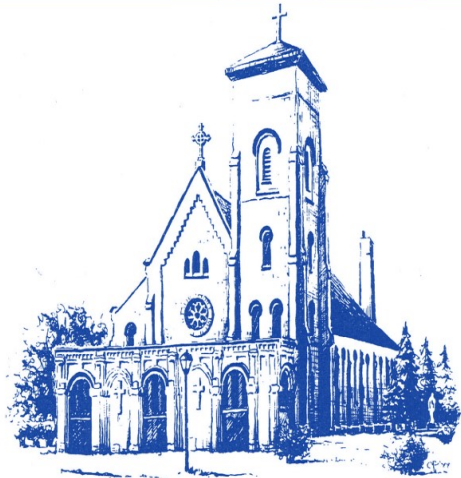


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

August 2, 2020

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Christ gives us all we need to feed those he calls us to serve.

Today's readings call us, like the disciples, to feed others—but only after having been nourished ourselves. We are invited to delight in rich fare, feasting on the love of God that is stronger than death. In responding to God's call, we can trust that Christ will give us all we need to carry out his commands.

Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

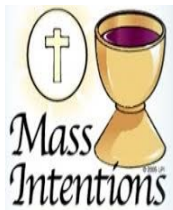
Sacrament of Reconciliation: By Appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



Edward Cullen

Requested by
Maureen Corral & Ralph Destephano

Offerings for July 26, 2020

Offerings: \$1,057 Attendance: 32

Thank you for your generous support.

*Please pray for the sick of the parish
and for family and friends of
parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes,
Thomas Bostick, Sybil Doucette,
Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman,
Denise McGowan, Alice Walters,
Roxana Weber*



Bible Readings for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3 (pg. 65)

Romans 8:35, 37-39 (pg. 66)

Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 67)

Bible Readings for Sunday, August 9, 2020

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a (pg. 17)

Romans 9:1-5 (pg. 18)

Matthew 14:22-33 (pg. 18)

August Birthdays

Kathy Wheeler Aloys Bukuru Andre Cropper

Maureen Corral Jean Pryor Jacob Gasiorek

Paris Horman Fritz Hyppolite Brian Rea

Catherine Pappin Acacia Semler Lexxis Wingo



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

***Who will separate us from the love of
Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or
persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?***

Romans 8:35

Reflection: Along the spectrum of life, we experience hardship, pain, and distress. We deal with personal struggles, family issues, and social problems. The pressures of life overpower us, making us feel insecure, unstable, and vulnerable. Situations arise where we have no mental, emotional, spiritual, or physical strength. In the midst of troubles, we look for someone to love and support us.

Life isn't an easy road. Life isn't easy for the poor and homeless. Life is painful for those with cancer. Life is unbearable for those with mental illness. Life is a burden for the addicted. Life is a hardship for the unemployed. Life is a struggle for the divorced and separated. Life is fragile for those with HIV/AIDS. Life is dangerous for refugees. Life is cruel for the abused. Life is lonely for the arrogant. The human condition of brokenness and alienation provokes us to love and care for others.

People of faith believe life is protected and held together in Christ's love. We trust that no circumstance, no disaster, and no power will ever separate us from this love. The reassuring presence of Christ's love restores our hope; it strengthens us to continue the journey of life. We are called to be Christ's messengers of hope and peace to anyone who is suffering.

Ponder: What separates me from the love of God?

Prayer: Lord, your love and compassion are always with us in times of trouble. Help me walk in solidarity with those who are suffering and show them your love and compassion.

Practice: Today I will be faithful by being present to someone who is in pain.

*Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them
Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them Your
Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them
Your comforting heart.
Wrap your arms around our world
and hold us in your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen.*

August Devotion

The month of August is dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament, and increased adoration of the Eucharist is encouraged. August is also dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and on August 15th, the church celebrates the Assumption of Mary into heaven.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

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Please call the Parish Office – 325-3893***

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***Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!***