

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 25 and 26, 2017

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Mass Schedule



Saturday Mass: 4:00pm

Months of October - March at St. Mary's

Months of April - September at Immaculate Conception

Sunday Mass: 8:00am at St. Mary's

9:30am at Immaculate Conception

Recitation of the Rosary 1/2 hour before Weekend Masses

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Tuesday & Thursday at Immaculate Conception

Wednesday & Friday at St. Mary's

Holy Day Mass Schedule: as announced in the bulletin

Confessions: 3:15 - 3:45pm Saturdays at Saturday Mass Site
or by appointment.

Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter your current family or marital situation; no matter your personal history, age, income, background, gender, race, ethnicity or spirituality; no matter your own self-image of holiness or virtue -

You belong to Jesus Christ and you belong to us! You are invited, accepted and respected here at Mary Immaculate Parish.

We want to share our Roman Catholic way of faith and life in Christ with you!

"Mother Mary; I Love You! Help me at the hour of my death! Amen!"

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND:

Saturday, 4:00pm – February 25 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Ralph & Diane Torcello

Sunday, 8:00am – February 26 in Pavilion

Intention: T. Sgt. Daniel Connor, Jr. (RIP)

By: Louise Lynch

Sunday, 9:30am – February 26 in East Bethany

Intention: Deacon Walt & Gina Szczesny –

Thank you for all you do

By: Dennis and Carol Wittman

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 4 in Pavilion

Intention: Joseph Szczesny (RIP)

By: Don Davis

Sunday, 8:00am – March 5 in Pavilion

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Donna Keough

Sunday, 9:30am – March 5 in East Bethany

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Cheryl & Vic Anziano

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, February 28 – Weekday

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio

By: Joe & Sue Barniak

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

8:30am – Pavilion

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

7:00pm – East Bethany

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Thursday, March 2 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

Friday, March 3 – Friday after Ash Wednesday

Intention: All Souls

By: Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, Julia Barniak, Father Richard, Father Kemp and Father Innocent

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME

PARISHIONERS: Audrey McNulty, Martha Morgan, Betty Carney and Allan Carlson.

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE

MILITARY: Joseph Stanley, Maj. Jason Palermo, W2 Christian Koch, Dan Murphy, Alex Roth, Tim Stalica, Jady Gray, Jakob Kosiorek, Paul Agan Jr., Mst. Sgt. Nicholas Boyer, Brett Sheffer, 1st Lt. Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: All interested persons are welcome to attend. Look for times and locations in the bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Held at Immaculate Conception Hall - Starting in September.

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (2/18 & 2/19)	\$2,759.76
Winter Fuel (Cumulative)	\$ 785.00
Church in Central & Easter Europe (Cumulative)	\$ 841.00

***Please make checks payable to
“Mary Immaculate Parish”***

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

cf. Psalm 18 (17):19-20

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, February 25 – 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Pat Tiede
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, February 26 – 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Patty Bodine

Sunday, February 26- 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Kathy Shepard
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
EvanAmberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Debbie Schmidt

Saturday, March 4 - 4:00pm – Pavilion

Lector: Rae Snyder
Altar Servers: Emma & Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rosemary Givens

Sunday, March 5 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Dawn Bertrand
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Nellie Colvin

Sunday, March 5 – 9:30am – East Bethany

Lector: Mike Jackson
Altar Servers: Oscar & Francine
Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

February 26th
March 12th and 26th

ASH WEDNESDAY: March 1st is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the **8:30am Mass in Pavilion** and again at the **7:00pm Mass in East Bethany**. Ashes could be taken to beloved home-bound and sick parishioners by their friends or relatives. But they need to come with a container for the ashes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.
Friday, March 3rd – Pavilion
Friday, March 10th - East Bethany

COFFEE HOUR: There will be a coffee hour after the 8:00am Mass in Conlin Hall **next Sunday, March 5th**. All are welcome!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our first Chicken BBQ is less than a month away. On Sunday, **March 19th** we begin the first of our three Chicken BBQ's. Please set aside time to help out on Wednesday, March 15th at 5:00pm to scrub potatoes and set up; on Saturday, March 18th at 9:00am to wrap potatoes and complete the set up; on Sunday, March 19th the day of the BBQ. Remember, the more people helping, the easier and quicker the work gets done.

Posters announcing our BBQ are available at the entrance of each church. Please take as many as you can properly display. Remember to invite your family, friends and coworkers!!

ON THE DIVINE MERCY: Every created life needs the mercy of God; for without the Fatherly mercy of God, the world as we know it, will be a hail of a place for everything in it.

Please pick up a prayer card of the Divine Mercy at the bulletin table as you leave the church. Pray for the mercy of God on yourself, your family, your country and the world. Thank you!

Father Innocent

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS: The second collection next weekend, March 4th and 5th will be for Black and Indian Missions. Please give as generously as you can.

UPON THIS ROCK CAMPAIGN: With all my heart I want to thank my many parish families with whom I have met regarding the “Upon This Rock” Campaign. I want to sincerely thank you for being so understanding and so nice to me. I am looking forward to visiting with more families and parishioners.

I know there isn't a lot of money here in our parish community. All I am asking is that we do just what we can, and we will be okay.

The campaign is moving on so well, beyond my expectations. Right now, we are 73% up to our goal. If everyone does just what he or she is comfortable with; I bet, we will reach our goal and beyond.

Please help to make me, your pastor, proud; make our parish proud; make Bishop Malone proud of us! Please pick up the bulletin every Sunday to read the updates on the campaign. I love you my parishioners! Remain Blessed!

Father Innocent

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: There will be a Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 19th from 8:30am – 11:00am behind the Save-A-Lot parking lot in Leroy. All are welcome.

YOU DID IT FOR ME: When India's Malaguni River floods, the Singh family cannot get to the nearest market to buy and sell food, and their rice fields fail, placing the family at risk of hunger. That's why CRS is helping the Singh family prepare for flooding with new farming tools and techniques. The family is healthier—and prepared to face the next flood.

A NOTE FROM ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL:

Congratulations to St. Joseph School's 2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students:

**Mary Immaculate Parish
First Honors (94.0-100)**

Second Honors (89.0 – 93.9)
Lindsey Weidman

Merit Honors (85.0-88.9)

LENT – IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT “GIVING UP”:

Many people tend to consider Lent a time to give up chocolate, candy, or other things they normally enjoy. However, Lent is about honoring our faith. Below are various ways we can observe Lent:

- **Attend morning Masses**
- **Attend the Stations of the Cross on Friday Evenings**
- **Read and Pray over the Sacred Scriptures**
- **Pray the Rosary**
- **Visit someone housebound**

Make this Lent a time to reconnect with your faith, reach out to others, and prepare yourself for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

NO CLOSING HYMN DURING LENT: In the season of Lent, we “await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure” (Preface I for Lent). However, the general tenor of this season is one of conversion through repentance for sin by fasting, prayer, and alms-giving. This more penitential tone is reflected in the Liturgy by the use of violet vestments, simpler decorations at the altar, and the omission of the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*. Our celebrations of the Eucharist during this season will reflect this attitude by the use of the *Confiteor* (found on page 4 in the Heritage Missal and in our Mass response cards) for the Penitential Rite and the omission of a closing hymn.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: It is only in God where true peace and fulfillment are found. In the midst of today's confusion there are many people longing for God, but need to be pointed toward Him. Is God calling you to help lead His children toward Him? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Andrew Lauricella at 716-847-5535. You can also check out the “Priest of the Month” stories on our website – www.buffalovocations.org.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION: It seems that worrying is a normal part of most people's lives these days. But think about it...does worrying really help? Does worrying fix our problems or provide us with any real benefits? Can we worry our way to improved health or a better job? In today's Gospel Jesus asks "Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?" It's an interesting question to ponder. Jesus goes on to assure us that our heavenly Father knows what we need and will provide for us. God knows our prayers before they even leave our lips or minds. He will give us what we truly need. What we need to do is have faith, to listen to God and to trust Him. While that is not always easy, it is always the right path. When we trust in our God we will feel His comfort. Rest assured, God will provide.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WLOF 101.7 FM, WBEN radio 930 AM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All Catholics between their 18th and 59th birthdays are also bound to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions in the course of the day.

God the Artist...

Bobby and his grandmother were looking at vacation pictures. "It looks just like an artist painted this scenery," Grandma said. "Did you know God painted it all for you, Bobby?"

"Yes," Bobby said. "God did it with His left hand."

This confused his grandmother a bit, "What makes you say God did this with His left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday school last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

ASH WEDNESDAY: (March 1, 2017)

8:30am Mass – Pavilion

7:00pm – East Bethany

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

March 3rd – Pavilion

March 10th – East Bethany

March 17th – Pavilion

March 24th – East Bethany

March 31st – Pavilion

April 7th – East Bethany

April 14th – Pavilion

RECONCILIATION: The sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at the regularly scheduled time – from 3:15 to 3:45 at the Saturday Mass location, except for Holy Saturday when no confessions will be heard.

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: (April 9, 2017)

In Pavilion: 4:00pm Saturday

In Pavilion: 8:00am Sunday

In East Bethany: 9:45am Sunday

(Please note this Sunday Mass at East Bethany is 15 minutes later)

HOLY WEEK TRIDIUM:

Holy Thursday: (April 13, 2017) - 7:00pm

East Bethany - The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Ceremonies: (April 14, 2017)

5:00pm – Pavilion - Stations of the Cross

6:00pm – Pavilion - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday: (April 15, 2017)

8:30pm - Easter Vigil in East Bethany

(Please note: there is no 4:00pm Saturday Mass for Easter weekend. Also, no confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday.)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Will be celebrated according to the standard of Sunday schedule.



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BE GIVEN TO YOU"**

Luke 6:38



TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic schools are deeply rooted in the history of Western New York. Our schools form and support well-rounded individuals, who are grounded in faith and have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ. The education provided by Catholic schools enables our students to excel in leadership and ministry so that they are prepared to fulfill their responsibilities, ultimately leading others to know, love, and practice values of the Gospel in everyday life.

WHY GIVE?

- There are over 500 students on the waiting list each year, Upon This Rock will be able to provide assistance to 40% more Elementary School and Middle School students each year.
- For the first time, a new diocesan tuition assistance fund will be available for Catholic High School. This fund will be unique and separate from the BISON Fund as the BISON Fund provides only for Elementary School and Middle School.
- Both of these vital tuition assistance funds supporting our Catholic Schools will allow more families to choose Catholic education, and keep our schools open!

WHO BENEFITS?

- Families in Western New York who value a Catholic education but otherwise cannot afford to provide it for their child.
- Children will receive a high quality education and with a commitment to service in our community.
- Parents with High School age students will receive relief from at times prohibitive tuition costs, allowing more families to benefit from a Catholic High School education.

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STREAM EXPANSION

The STREAM Education Initiative is a diocesan investment to enhance the already excellent education provided by our Catholic schools and support the future of Catholic education. This program provides 21st century learning experiences and focuses on science, technology, religion, engineering, the arts, and math. Through hands-on experiences, it promotes a higher level of critical thinking and a deeper understanding of content.

WHAT DOES STREAM STAND FOR?

It stands for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, and Math. It is a necessary evolution of the STEM program but with added emphasis on Religion and the Arts.

WHY GIVE?

- STREAM will bring critical thinking back into education as students will become involved in hands-on projects.
- Ever heard: "Why are we learning this?" This program will explore that very question as students will be exposed to working professionals to further their own learning.
- Catholic schools consistently out perform their peers in public schools but we need to raise the bar to keep us competitive.
- STREAM is different from the Common Core that you see in public schools. We control the curriculum.
- *Upon This Rock* will help fund leadership and professional development, as well as essential technology upgrades.

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