

Mary Immaculate Parish



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Third Sunday of Lent
March 18 and 19, 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 – March 18 in Pavilion

Intention: Mary Jane Logsdon (RIP)

By: Gordon & Marirose Ethington

Sunday, 8:00am – March 19 in Pavilion

Intention: Edward Lynch (RIP)

By: Louise Lynch

Sunday, 9:30am – March 19 in East Bethany

Intention: Nora Hinze (RIP)

By: Darwin & Shirley Lapp

Saturday, 4:00pm – March 25 in Pavilion

Intention: Stephanie Colantonio (RIP)

By: Louise Lynch

Sunday, 8:00am – March 26 in Pavilion

Intention: Rose Szczesny (RIP)

By: Father Christopher Okoli

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

Intention: Roger Goodberlet (RIP)

By: John & Susan Gould

DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

Tuesday, March 21 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Irene Wozniak – Birthday Remembered

By: David & Ron Colantonio

Wednesday, March 22 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Timothy Bodine – For his intentions

By: Father Innocent

Thursday, March 23 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: Cheryl & Vic Anziano – For the repose of the souls of their departed loved ones

By: Father Innocent

Friday, March 24 – Lenten Weekday

Intention: George & Carol Pursel – For the greatest yearning of their souls

By: Father Innocent

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:

April 20, 2017 – 7:00PM – Pavilion

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

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection: (3/11 & 3/12) \$2,356.00

Winter Fuel (Cumulative) \$1,594.00

*Please make checks payable to
"Mary Immaculate Parish"*

**My eyes are always on the Lord, for He
rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me
and have mercy on me, for I am alone and
poor.**

cf. Psalm 25 (24):15-16

Lector
Altar Server
Eucharistic Minister
Schedule:

Saturday, March 18 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Brian Dills
Altar Servers: Sara & Samantha Platek
Eucharistic Ministers: Dick & Rosemary Givens

Sunday, March 19 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Dawn Bertrand
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: John Callari
Patty Bodine

Sunday, March 19 - 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Lisa Bernard
Altar Servers: Charlie Urbanczyk
Shea Amberger
Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Wittman
Debbie Schmidt

Saturday, March 25 - 4:00pm - Pavilion

Lector: Elaine Lemley
Altar Servers: Emma & Eric Cline
Eucharistic Ministers: Christine Dailey
Rosemary Givens

Sunday, March 26 - 8:00am - Pavilion

Lector: Carol Pursel
Altar Servers: John Callari
Cathy Johnson
Eucharistic Ministers: Nellie Colvin
John Callari

Sunday, March 26- 9:30am - East Bethany

Lector: Kathy Shepard
Altar Servers: Oscar & Francine
Stringham
Eucharistic Ministers: Ryan Shormann
Debbie Schmidt

UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:

March 26th
April 2nd
May 7th and 14th

OUR FIRST CHICKEN BBQ
IS THIS WEEKEND!!

**Just a reminder that our first Chicken BBQ
of the year is this
Sunday, March 19th!!**

Once again, we need your help preparing for and serving our delicious chicken dinners. Please reserve time to help. Any and all help you can give is appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm.
Friday, March 24th - East Bethany
Friday, March 31st - Pavilion

**FOR THE HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF
THE FEET ARE THE FOLLOWING:**

Bruce Bernard	David Colantonio
Bernard Corcoran	Brian Dills
Bob Lacey	Darwin Lapp
Mark McAllister	Frank Miller
Don Yott	Don Roblee
Tom Stringham	Craig Williams
Bob Shepard, Sr.	Wayne Stahler

Jesus' disciples had no choice between accepting and not accepting their feet washed by their Master. Peter, who objected, received harsh words for it. And so, it is a privilege for any parishioner to be part of the reenactment of the wonderful example of love taught by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. ***Father Innocent***

RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS: Religious Education classes will be cancelled on Sunday, April 9th due to many family conflicts. In lieu of class, we are asking that families please attend one or more Stations of the Cross Fridays during Lent at 7:00pm. A complete schedule of Stations of the Cross is included in this bulletin.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Congratulations to Cole Rauscher who will receive this year's Altar Server of the Year award. This award was presented to Cole by Bishop Malone at a special Mass celebrated Saturday, March 18th at St. Joseph's Cathedral. Our parish is blessed to have Cole's ministry at the celebration of the Eucharist.

WINTER ESCAPE PICTURES: In the entrance of the church there are some pictures from our newest fundraiser, "Winter Escape." If anyone has additional pictures and would like to share them, please turn them into the office and we will add them to our collection. Soon these same pictures will be available to be viewed on our website. As you can see, it was an evening to remember!!

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: Join our church's celebration of St. Joseph's Feast day **this Saturday, March 18th** in Conlin Hall immediately following 4:00pm mass. Traditionally St. Joseph's tables have been prepared in thanksgiving for good fortune, good health, and personal devotion to St. Joseph. Traditional main dishes and desserts are part of the table's tradition. Please join us as we are thankful for our parish family in honoring St. Joseph on his feast day. There is no cost for the dinner.

UPON THIS ROCK: The Upon This Rock campaign is going on very well in our Parish. Thanks to the good-heartedness of my Parishioners. Yes; that is the case! Some of you are doing it just because of me – seeing and feeling how passionate I am about it; and I am passionate about it because it is immensely beneficial to our parish, to Catholic Charities and to the Diocese.

We have had the reception on Wednesday, March 8th, the day of the Monster Winds. I sincerely want to thank those who called in to let me know that they wouldn't be able to come because of the dangerous high winds, as well as those who came in spite of the odds. Thank you so much.

Everyone now has the mailings. Please take the time to fill out the "Pledge Card" and mail it back to me or to the Church office. You may even hand it to me whenever you see me, or put it into the Collection Box. If you have lost the envelope that came with your package, you may use a different envelope that should be marked "Upon This Rock". Remember also to make your check payable to "Upon This Rock".

Please help our Parish to make her goal. We are almost there - 82% of our goal! Your gift matters. We need it!

With all my heart I pray God Almighty to bless you, as you consider your gift for this Godly Initiative. Amen!
Father Innocent

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

BASKET RAFFLE: All Babies Cherished is planning their first Theme Basket Raffle for Saturday, April 1st. It will be held at the ARC Community Center, 38 Woodrow Road, Batavia from 11:00am to 2:00pm. There will be no cost to come to the event and tickets for the raffle will be sold that day. Lunch and refreshments will be available as well. All are welcome!

YOU DID IT FOR ME: John* got to work early. It was still dark. Leaving his warm car for the chilly air outside, he approached the entry to Catholic Charities. Then he noticed something in the alley: a plastic tarp swaying over a couple of pallets. Suddenly, he realized it was a makeshift bed. So he asked, "Are you ok?" The man said, "Yea. Can I stay? It's safe here." John said yes and couldn't help thinking: "Even though we're closed, he came here knowing he'd be safe. Isn't that part of what we do: provide comfort and safety? It's a good thing to be known for."

In 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided 99,266 adults with shelter services.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: All of us thirst for fulfillment. Christ alone is the living water that can satisfy the innermost longings of our souls. Might Christ be calling you to lead souls to the source of this living water? 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.

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.

MARRIAGE MOMENT: Lent has just begun but too easily it can go the way of New Year’s resolutions - good idea, but soon forgotten. Help each other. If you choose the same practice, you can reinforce each other. If you choose different ones, support each other’s growth - but don’t nag. It’s not a contest. For some creative ideas, visit <http://www.susanvogt.net/blog/>.

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE: If your child is old enough to choose a Lenten sacrifice, help them to see beyond just giving up candy. Consider how the devil tempted Jesus with food, power and money. Let the tangible sacrifice be a reminder to love someone who is hard to love.

2017 LENT AND HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 7:00pm

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 East Bethany: 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.

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.

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