

# Mary Immaculate Parish



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May 6 and 7, 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 – May 6 in East Bethany**

Intention: Mary Norton (RIP)

By: Roger Norton and family

#### **Sunday, 8:00am – May 7 in Pavilion**

Intention: Teena Plossl (RIP)

By: Ladies of Charity

#### **Sunday, 9:30am – May 7 in East Bethany**

Intention: Teena Plossl (RIP)

By: Vic and Cheryl Anziano

#### **Saturday, 4:00pm – May 13 in East Bethany**

Intention: Mike & Sandy Whalen

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

By: Family

#### **Sunday, 8:00am – May 14 in Pavilion**

Intention: John Clary (RIP)

By: Kevin & Rhonda Clary

#### **Sunday, 9:30am – May 14 in East Bethany**

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners

For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

### DAILY MASS:

Mass Time: 8:30 am

Thursday in East Bethany

Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion

#### **Tuesday, May 9 – Easter Weekday**

Intention: Wanda Raymond-Birthday Remembered

By: David & Ron Colantonio

#### **Wednesday, May 10 – Easter Weekday**

Intention: Bonnie Bodine – For her spiritual & material well-being

By: Father Innocent

#### **Thursday, May 11 – Easter Weekday**

Intention: Randy & Kathy Blakeslee – For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

#### **Friday, May 12 – Easter Weekday**

Intention: Doug & Nancy Norton – That the Lord may continue to deepen their faith in him

By: Father Innocent

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

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

### **PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NURSING HOME**

**PARISHIONERS:** Audrey McNulty, Martha Morgan 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knowler, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** All interested persons are welcome to attend:

**May 18, 2017 – 7:00pm – Conlin Hall, Pavilion**

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

Time: 10:40 AM – 12:10 PM

### MARY IMMACULATE PARISH COLLECTION REPORT

<b>Regular Collection:</b> (4/29 & 4/30)	\$2,813.00
<b>Holy Land:</b> (Cumulative)	\$ 349.00
<b>Catholic Home Missions:</b> (Cumulative)	\$ 327.00

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**The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, Alleluia.**

*cf. Psalm 33 (32):5-6*

**Lector**  
**Altar Server**  
**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Schedule:**

**Saturday, May 6 – 4:00pm – East Bethany**

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

**Sunday, May 7 – 8:00am – Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, May 7- 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Mike Jackson  
**Altar Servers:** Oscar & Francine  
Stringham  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Carol Wittman

**Saturday, May 13 – 4:00pm – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Dan Gangi  
**Altar Servers:** Erika & Cole Rauscher  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bruce & Samantha Platek

**Sunday, May 14 - 8:00am - Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, May 14 – 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Lisa Bernard  
**Altar Servers:** Evan & Shea Amberger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Carol Wittman  
Debbie Schmidt

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**

May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>

**LADIES OF CHARITY:** The Ladies of Charity Annual Luncheon is Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at LeRoy Country Club – 7759 East Main Road, LeRoy. All ladies from Mary Immaculate Parish are invited to attend the luncheon. You may choose from the menu or the buffet table. There are sign-up sheets at the entrance of each church. Please sign your name so we will know the number attending. Please be sure to have signed up by May 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please call Nellie at 584-3286.

**COFFEE HOUR:** There will be a Coffee Hour after 8:00am Mass this Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Conlin Hall. All are welcome!!

**PARISH MAINTENANCE FUND:** Next weekend (May 13 and 14), the second collection will be for Mary Immaculate Parish's Maintenance Fund. Please give as generously as you can.

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BBQ!** Our many thanks to all who helped to make our second Chicken BBQ of 2017 a complete sell-out!! Without everyone's help, this could not have happened. We only have one more BBQ to go and it is on **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Though we were blessed with our many wonderful and dedicated volunteers, we could use a few more. Besides helping on the Wednesday and Saturday before the BBQ, **help is needed in the pie room, pump room and dining room on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**. So, if you could spare an hour or two for our next BBQ, it would be greatly appreciated. **Do not wait to be asked**, just show up and ask for Cheryl.

Mark your calendars and lend a hand on:

**Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> on or before 10:30 am.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Just a reminder, if you have not turned in your raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible. Having the tickets prior to the May 21<sup>st</sup> drawing helps our volunteers. Tickets can be dropped in the collection basket or left at the church office. Thank you!

**ORGANIST WANTED!** Mike Riggs, who plays for us at our 4:00pm Saturday evening masses has gotten a similar job very close to where he lives; and so will no longer be able to play at the 4:00pm Masses for us. Right now, Norma Bartz, has been very gracious to us with her time, trying to fill in whenever possible. We thank her for the generous sacrifice she is making for the people of God. If you, or someone you know, is qualified and interested, please call the church office at 585-584-7031.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING:** Ascension Parish will be hosting a Eucharistic Minister Training on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 3:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Father or Mary Jo at the church office at 584-7031 for an application form.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** The LeRoy Knights of Columbus will be having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 11:00am behind Save-a-Lot. All are welcome.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:** On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially for our diocese. May God raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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/](http://www.buffalovocations.org/).

**YOU DID IT FOR ME:** Mary\* went to a Catholic Charities food bank in Maine looking for help. She thought her life was so messed up that it was beyond fixing. The staff at the food bank understood she needed something more than a meal. They asked Mary to help pack the bags of food. Now she is a regular volunteer and talks about the joy she has in helping out. Across the country in 2015, Catholic Charities agencies provided more than nine million food security services.

To learn more, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org)

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION:** For sailors, a lighthouse offers guidance through dark seas, taking them safely back into the harbor and to their homes. What do you use to guide you? What is your lighthouse? Today’s scripture readings offer good direction as to how we can better navigate through life. Among all the things we can turn to for guidance in our daily lives, there is only one sure guide – God. Like the lighthouse for the sailor, we can depend on the light of our faith to guide us to our right destination. Through personal prayer, reading the Bible, and especially being part of a faith community, we can find God’s light, His loving care and counsel to lead us. Look to God as your beacon of hope. He will lead you to a fuller life, both now and into eternity. He will always be there as your guide.

*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](http://www.faithmomentsonline.org).*

*The Children’s Sermon...*

*Sister Smith invited the children to come forward around the altar for an object lesson using squirrels as an example of industry and planning ahead. She requested that the boys and girls raise their hands when they knew what she was describing.*

*“This thing lives in trees (pause) and eats nuts (pause).” No hands went up. “It is gray (pause) and has a long bushy tail (pause).” The children looked at each other, but no hands were raised. “And it jumps from branch to branch (pause) and chatters when it gets excited (pause).”*

*Finally a little boy tentatively raised his hand. Sister Smith breathed a sigh of relief and called on him. “Well,” he said, “I know the answer must be Jesus, but it sure sounds more like a squirrel to me.”*

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May 2017

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi

Born Catherine de' Pazzi to a noble family in Florence in 1566, she entered the Carmelite order when she was sixteen, taking the name Mary Magdalen. Soon after, she began experiencing mystical ecstasies, which lasted until her death. She enjoyed a personal relationship with Jesus and had many conversations with him. She considered these graces as a sign of weakness, not holiness. She was known for her wisdom, charity, and her love for the Eucharist.



### Gratitude, not greed

St. Paul wrote for Christians then and now when he warned against greed and materialism, "For the love of money is the root of all evils ...." (1 Timothy 6:10). Despite all evidence, many still believe money brings happiness, yet gratitude for all we have is the real key to happiness.

"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

St. Josemaría Escrivá



## Welcome all God's children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

**Celebrate diversity.** Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality he received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

**Practice patience.** It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the

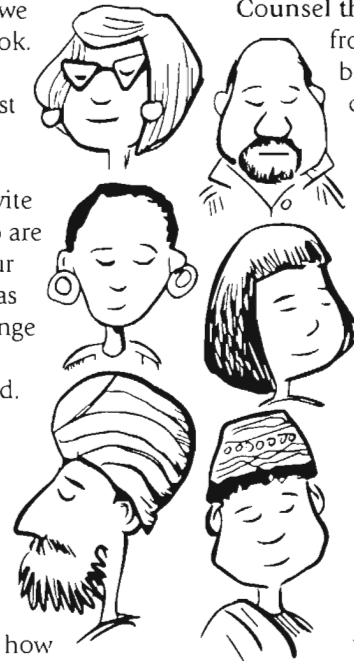
face before you.

**Counsel the ignorant.** Someone from another country,

background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

**Speak up.** Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

**Act with love.** The God of love gave of himself so we could be reunited with him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics believe in angels?

Angels are pure spirits with intelligence and free will (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, No. 330). The belief in angels is a Catholic doctrine based on Scriptural evidence. Throughout the Bible, God sends angels to announce his will, punish,



strengthen, or console. Angels also protected and ministered to Jesus during his time on earth. We are also given guardian angels to watch over us (Matthew 18:10). Finally, the Church joins in the adoration of the angels at Mass (CCC #335).

## Advice, comfort, and encouragement in the Bible

The Bible is full of practical life guidance that is as relevant today as it was when written. Its advice, comfort, and encouragement is timeless.

**Advice** - Written by a wise Old Testament scribe and teacher, Book of Sirach offers advice on just about everything we deal with today—friendship, education, finances, etiquette, marriage, family life, and more.

**Comfort** - In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives comfort for the insecurities of daily life. For example,



*"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"* (Matthew 6:26). For more, see Matthew 6:25-34, 7:7-11, 11:28, and 28:20.

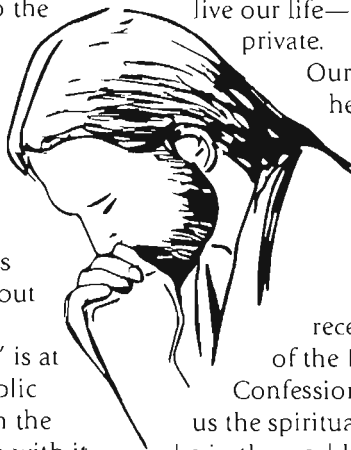
**Encouragement** - Need encouragement? Try Psalm 118, *"The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid."* Or, Psalm 40, *"I waited patiently for the Lord's help; then he listened to me and heard my cry."* And Psalm 23, *"I fear no harm for you are at my side; your rod and staff give me courage."*

### from Scripture

#### John 17:1-11A, In the world, not of it

Following the Last Supper and just before his agony in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed to the Father for his disciples, including us. He asked that all would remain united in his love, be protected from the influence of the devil, and ultimately be with him in eternity forever.

What Jesus did not ask was that God take his followers out of the world. Being "in the world, but not of the world" is at the heart of living our Catholic faith. We can try to abandon the world altogether or blend in with it, but neither option fulfills what God



asks of us. We are called to proclaim the Gospel in the world by how we live our life—both in public and private.

Our true home is not here on Earth, but in Heaven. It takes courage to place our hope in Christ and then live accordingly. Going to Mass and receiving the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confession regularly will give us the spiritual strength needed to be in the world, but not of the world.

### Q Do we really & receive gifts from A the Holy Spirit?

At Baptism, we receive actual, spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit intended to help us live virtuous lives. Traditionally



numbered seven (Isaiah 11:1-3), these gifts make us receptive to grace and the promptings of the Spirit. They grow stronger the more we use them. They are also strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Wisdom:** This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and his plan for us.

**Understanding:** Lets us grasp truths of the faith with our mind and heart.

**Counsel:** Also called "right judgment," counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right (moral) choice.

**Fortitude:** Courage, or the ability to remain firm in seeking the good against all pressures.

**Knowledge:** A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

**Piety:** This gift helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve him.

**Fear of the Lord:** The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect him and all his creations.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker.** Entrusted with the care of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, Joseph was a humble carpenter who was dedicated to his family and obedient to God.

**May 2 – St. Athanasius (373).** Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great defender of the Catholic faith. Because of the terrible persecutions of the Church, he was exiled several times during his life.

**May 25 – The Ascension of the Lord (1st century).** This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of

salvation and his triumphant entry into Heaven by his own power. (Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51) Note: In some dioceses, this observance has been moved to the following Sunday.

**May 31 – The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (1st century).** Today, we commemorate the Visitation, when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to share her joy at being favored by God. Three ways we can honor Mary include praying the Rosary, celebrating her feast days, and praising her to others.



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