

# Mary Immaculate Parish



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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 2 and 3, 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 – September 2 in East Bethany**

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For the repose of the souls of their departed loved ones

By: Father Innocent

#### **Sunday, 8:00am – September 3 in Pavilion**

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For their spiritual and material well-being

By: Father Innocent

#### **Sunday, 9:30am – September 3 in East Bethany**

Intention: Howard Schmidt (RIP)

By: Family

#### **Saturday, 4:00pm – September 9 in East Bethany**

Intention: Richard Beschen (RIP)

By: Dick and Rosemary Givens

#### **Sunday, 8:00am – September 10 in Pavilion**

Intention: Mary Immaculate Parishioners – For what they ask of God the most

By: Father Innocent

#### **Sunday, 9:30am – September 10 in East Bethany**

Intention: Gregory Moscicki (RIP)

By: Family

### **DAILY MASS: 8:30 am**

**Tuesday and Thursday in East Bethany**

**Wednesday and Friday in Pavilion**

#### **Tuesday, September 5 – Weekday**

Intention: Ed Fryer & Melody Heale – For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

#### **Wednesday, September 6 – Weekday**

Intention: Brian Raines – For his spiritual and material well-being

By: Father Innocent

#### **Thursday, September 7 – Weekday**

Intention: Dan Snyder (Birthday blessings)

By: Rae Snyder

#### **Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of Mary**

Intention: Tim & Sarah Moag – For their intentions

By: Father Innocent

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

Roberta Graney, Joan Dowdell, Rose Gould, Cindy Bishop, Tom Gulczynski, Julia Barniak, Debbie Paschke, Cathleen Vania, Joseph Dean, Donald “Gene” Toal, 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, Captain Mathieu Philie, SFC Jay Knower, Michael Rigoni, and Mark Wilkinsen.

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

**September 21, 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**

**Regular Collection: (8/26 & 8/27) \$1,910.75**

**Religious Assistance to Poland: \$ 321.00  
(Cumulative)**

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

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to You.**

*cf. Psalm 86 (85):3, 5*

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

**Saturday, September 2 – 4:00pm – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Ron Colantonio  
**Altar Servers:** Sara & Samantha Platek  
Jacob Iten  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bruce & Samantha Platek

**Sunday, September 3 – 8:00am – Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, September 3 – 9:30am – East Bethany**

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

**Saturday, September 9 – 4:00pm – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Brian Dills  
**Altar Servers:** Emma & Eric Cline  
Christopher Doody  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christine Dailey  
Rae Snyder

**Sunday, September 10 – 8:00am – Pavilion**

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

**Sunday, September 10 – 9:30am – East Bethany**

**Lector:** Marita Midwick  
**Altar Servers:** Evan & Shea Amberger  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Ryan Shormann  
Carol Wittman

**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES:**

September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

**COFFEE HOUR:** There will be a coffee hour this Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> after 8:00 am Mass at Conlin Hall. All are welcome!

**PARISH BREAKFAST:** It's that time of year again! The first meeting for this year's Parish Breakfast will be on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Conlin Hall. Anyone needing a ride to the meeting can call Lisa at 585-245-3478.

**LADIES OF CHARITY:** There will be a Ladies of Charity meeting on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Conlin Hall. All the ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

**MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**TRAINING:** There will be a training for Holy Communion Ministers being held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-2:00pm and on Saturday, October 7 from 9:00am-1:00pm at Christ the King Seminary, 711 Knox Rd., East Aurora. Applicants need to be approved by their pastor. Upon his approval, completed applications should be sent to the Office of Worship. Applicants must bring a Bible and should bring a light lunch or snack with them. Any questions, contact the Office of Worship at 716-847-2210. Everyone is welcome!

**K OF C BREAKFAST:** There will be a Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am – 11:00am in LeRoy behind the Save-a-Lot parking lot. All are welcome!

**FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION:** We might be taken aback by today's gospel when we hear Jesus harshly rebuke Peter. Jesus tells his disciples that he will suffer greatly and be killed for doing God's will. Peter responds to Christ, saying, "No such thing shall ever happen to you." Jesus scolds Peter, replying, "Get behind me Satan!" In using the term Satan, Jesus is saying, "Don't tempt me." Peter is appealing to Christ to avoid the conflict that will come in doing what God sent him to do – to bring us salvation. Jesus could have put his own interests before faithfulness to his mission and avoid the suffering he knows is coming. But his sole desire is to do his Father's will. Like Peter, we may focus only on the conflicts that come with discipleship. But Jesus shows us that doing God's will is the way to eternal life and true happiness.

*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).*

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:**

Every vocation involves some degree of suffering and sacrifice. However, in Christ, all suffering leads to glory. Let us not allow the thought of suffering or sacrifice to deter us from our vocations. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord. 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).

*Wedding Day...*

*Little Tony was in his uncle's wedding. As he came down the aisle during the ceremony, he carefully took two steps, then stopped and turned to the crowd. When facing the congregation he put his hands up like claws and roared loudly. So it went, step, step, turn, roar, step, step, turn, roar, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the congregation was near tears from laughing. When later asked what he was doing the boy said, "I was being the Ring Bear."*

**HAPPENING OUTSIDE OUR PARISH:**

**CHIAVETTA'S CHICKEN BBQ  
AND BASKET RAFFLE:**

Saints Joachim & Anne Parish  
Labor Day, Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

St. Vincent's Auditorium  
Walnut Street, Attica  
11:00am – 2:00pm

\$10.00 includes beverage and dessert  
Take outs available

Do not need to be present to win,  
winners will be notified

Everyone is welcome!

**MARRIAGE MOMENT:** Infidelity is not always physical. A more subtle form is emotional infidelity. It can start when one spouse feels under-appreciated and gets affirmation from someone outside the marriage. Sometimes work (paid or volunteer) or even the needs of one's own children can be the source. Giving time and attention now can prevent an emotional affair later.

**PARENTING PERSPECTIVE:** Sometimes parents of young adults (15-30+) struggle with what appears to be a lack of faith in their offspring. Consider, "Sometimes you must lose faith to find it." Your child may have to let go of "inherited faith" and eventually reflect on what is missing in their life.

**YOU DID IT FOR ME:** In Benin, West Africa, unforeseen expenses like doctors' bills can take up more than 40% of the annual family budget. But with the help of CRS, people in Benin can now participate in a micro health insurance plan that covers 70% of costs at just \$7 per person, per year.

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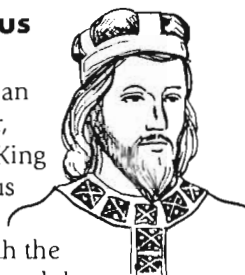
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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Wenceslaus

Raised by his devoutly Christian grandmother, Ludmilla, King Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of Christians in Bohemia. "The Good King" encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick and poor. Political conflict culminated in his assassination. One morning, led by his brother, Boleslaus, a group of nobles killed Wenceslaus on the doorsteps of a church. He was immediately recognized as a martyr and is one of the patron saints of Bohemia.



### Pass on the gift

In the encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Love is God's greatest gift to humanity, it is his promise and our hope." As God's children, we convey his love to others through acts of charity.

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me"*  
(Revelation 3:20).



## You can change the world

Through the gift of free will, humans can choose to do good or choose evil. Most choose good, but when we learn of suffering caused by evil in the world, we can feel discouraged and powerless. Yet, through God, we have the power to transform the world.

Don't depend on you. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight" (Proverbs 3:5). Fixing this fallen world is beyond our abilities alone. God has the power, however, to bring true peace and healing to the world. Lay all your concerns at God's feet and then have confidence that he is at work.



Choose the good. Evil can be contagious. Sometimes the best way to live a life of good is to avoid bad influences or people that can pull us away from God. "... Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord" (2 Timothy 2:22). The

bonus? Your good life may inspire others.

Sharpen your Sacramental sense. Sacraments are opportunities to share in God's divine life. These supernatural encounters with God

strengthen our will, enlighten our minds, and inspire us to a closer relationship with God. Don't miss an opportunity to meet Christ at Sunday Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. His grace will keep you strong.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

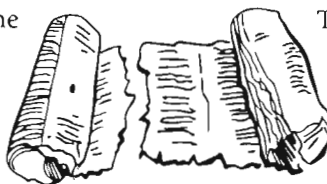
### Why do Catholics have two versions of the Creed?

The Apostles' Creed is the summary of the beliefs of the early Church. The Nicene Creed is the expanded form of the Apostles' Creed, stemming from two Church councils (Nicaea, 325 AD; Constantinople, 381 AD) intended to combat Arianism, which

proposed that Jesus was not God but a kind of super-saint.

Therefore, the Nicene Creed emphasizes Jesus' divinity and his divine Sonship (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no.465). The Nicene Creed is common

to both the Western and Eastern Churches.



## Maintain your spiritual health

Just as visiting the doctor for regular checkups is key to maintaining our physical health, consistent maintenance is important for good spiritual health. Try these suggestions to craft a schedule to stay in top spiritual condition:

**Daily:** Everything we need to know to strengthen our consciences and make good decisions is in the Bible. It is in Scripture that we discover God's guiding voice. Take time daily to pray, read Scripture, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal its message for you.

**Weekly:** Attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day.



Do whatever is necessary so you can receive Communion. This is key.

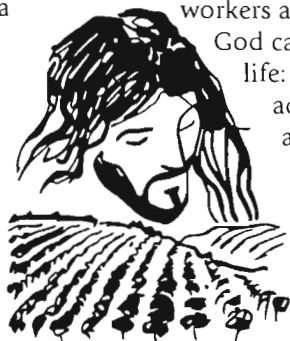
**Monthly:** When we hold ourselves accountable, our actions become more pleasing to God. Seek forgiveness each month in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

**Annually:** In our noisy world, it can be hard to hear God's voice. Find a Catholic retreat center near you and get away with God. Or, spend a whole day in a favorite park or vacation spot praying and listening. Center your day around God.

### from Scripture

#### Matthew 20:1-16a, Better late than never

In this Gospel reading, Jesus compared God's kingdom to a vineyard in the charge of a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hired groups of workers at different times of the day: at the start of the workday, at midmorning, noon, midafternoon, and finally, at five o'clock in the evening. Yet he paid all the same wage.



The vineyard is God's kingdom and God is the landlord. Some Bible scholars propose that the earlier groups of workers represented the Jewish people, who had followed God's laws for thousands of years, while the

Gentiles were the latecomers. The workers also stood for those whom God calls at different stages of life: from infancy, adolescence, adulthood, and old age.

All the laborers received the same reward. It must have shocked Jesus' listeners to hear that the landlord paid those who worked one hour as if they'd worked for eight.

Still, all were rewarded. Clearly, God's ways are not our ways. What is important is not how many hours we've served God, but that we served him when he called us.

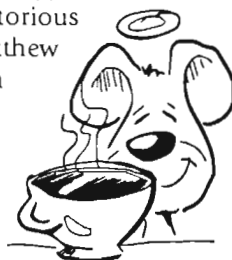
### Feasts & Celebrations

**Sept. 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo (1252).** Born to poor parents in Viterbo, Italy, Rose used her gift of preaching to teach the women and girls in her neighborhood about the faith. As a young woman, she spoke out in support of the pope against the Ghibellines, who supported the emperor, Frederick II. She wanted to join the Carmelites, but was refused. She died at the age of seventeen and was buried at that same convent.

**Sept. 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (300s).** St. Helena (mother of

Emperor Constantine), made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, retracing places in Jesus' life. She discovered three crosses, one of which was thought to be the Cross on which Jesus died. On the site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

**Sept. 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist (1st Century).** Also known as Levi, he was a notorious tax collector. St. Matthew left everything when Jesus called him to spread the Gospel. He wrote the Gospel According to Matthew.



### Q If God is everywhere, & why do we have to attend Mass?

**A** While God is everywhere, he is present in the Eucharist in a special way. When, in the context of the Mass, the priest speaks the words of consecration over the bread and wine on the altar, they are mysteriously transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Although the characteristics of the bread and wine remain, they are substantially different (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1376). In that moment, Jesus is as present as he was to his Apostles in the Upper Room.

The Eucharist does for our souls what food does for our bodies. You wouldn't go for weeks without eating and still expect to be strong and healthy. From the Eucharist, we receive all the graces we need for the rest of the week. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Our need for strength and rest are satisfied by Christ. The Church commands us to receive weekly what is, in fact, essential for our spiritual well-being.

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