



# Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

July 8-9, 2017

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## *14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - IMPOSSIBLE CHRISTIANITY*

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you”

—Matthew 11:28

The Lord has made living the Christian life humanly impossible. We must be made perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48). We must become holy in every aspect of our conduct (1 Pt 1:15) or we will not see God (Heb 12:14), that is, we will not see Jesus face to face in heaven (see 1 Cor 13:12). Furthermore, we must be compassionate as our Father is compassionate (Lk 6:36) and pure as Jesus is pure (1 Jn 3:3). If we fall into sin on one point of God's law, we become guilty on all counts (Jas 2:10).

Because living the Christian life is humanly impossible, most people don't even try. Some are honest enough to admit that they don't try. Others try to water down Christianity to make it more humanly possible, and then rationalize their lukewarmness (see Rv 3:16). Some even try to live Christianity by their own power. They eventually get frustrated and burn out. At this point, they are tempted to dismiss Christianity completely. Instead, they should come to Jesus and learn from Him (Mt 11:28-29). Jesus will teach us that Christianity is not a do-it-yourself religion, but one in which we let it be done to us (see Lk 1:38). Then the burden of Christianity, while still humanly impossible, is easy and light (Mt 11:30).

## *Masses & Information*

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.  
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.  
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.  
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment  
First Wednesday Adoration:7:00 – 10:00 p.m.  
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.  
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

## *Masses Intentions*

Sunday, July 09-----8:30 a.m..... Birth day of Mary Clare Clement  
Monday, July 10----7:30 a.m.---- Birth day of Mary Clare Clement  
Wednesday, July 12---6:00pm----- For the intentions of Bill and Georgann Hinson  
Thursday, July 13----7:30a.m.--- For the intentions of Bill and Georgann Hinson  
Friday, July 14----7:30a.m.---- +Tom Eck By Mike & Marla Britten  
Saturday, July 15 -----5:30p.m.----- +Tom Eck By Mike & Marla Britten

## *Stewardship Reports*

Individual.....	\$2180.00
Loose.....	\$ 385.00
Children.....	\$ 3.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2568.00</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Individual.....	\$1896.00
Loose.....	\$ 213.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2109.00</b>

## *Pray for Our Sick*

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Shawn Meidinger, Dorothy Weller, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

## *Family Chalice Program*

July 1/2 Clifton and Susan Britten  
July 8/9 Nick Weinheimer family  
July 15/16 Mike, Marla, and Caroline Britten  
July 22/23 Alice Kuehler  
July 29/30 Mark and Jackie Hanson  
August 5/6 Rod and Michele Bohr  
August 12/13 Doris Britten  
August 19/20 Earl Britten

## *Birthdays*

July 10<sup>th</sup> Sue Wills & Danielle Britten  
July 11<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Tucker  
July 12<sup>th</sup> Caden Tucker  
July 14<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Bohr & Karen Conrad Fisher

## *Anniversaries*

July 13<sup>th</sup> Keith & Kathleen Barkley

## *Church Cleaning for July*

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, and Tabitha Eggemeyer

## *Liturgical Ministers*

### **Saturday, July 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Lauren and Grace  
Lectors: Ron Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

### **Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Cody and Carrigan  
Lectors: Cliff Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten

### **Saturday, July 15, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Stephen and Alex  
Lectors: Carri Weinheimer  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

### **Sunday, July 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Damon and Owen  
Lectors: Nick Keuhelr  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling

### **Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Saffron and Kacie  
Lectors: Jason Eugea  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

### **Sunday, July 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: K'Leigh and Madison  
Lectors: Kay Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer

### **Saturday, July 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**

Servers: Derek and Ryan  
Lectors: Gary Britten  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Sharon Britten

### **Sunday, July 30, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.**

Servers: Wesley and Jackson  
Lectors: Nick Kuehler  
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler

## *Announcements:*

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration** for Alice Kuehler will be in the Parish Hall on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5pm. No Gifts please, cards welcome. Come celebrate!

**Super Saint Summer Nights** for children K-6<sup>th</sup> starting July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm til 8p.m. We will go to Mass first then head over to the hall for activities. The following dates are July 19<sup>th</sup> , July 26<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for lots of learning and **tons** of fun!

**TYM** will have breakfast on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Come joins us!

TYM members please try to help with Summer Religion nights starting this Wednesday with 6p.m. Mass. We will have 2 night of fun for our group (we will not be available these nights) July 19<sup>th</sup> we will go to Air U and out to dinner. We have tickets for AirU. Dinner will be on you! We will send a text on time of departure. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Then on August 9<sup>th</sup> we will have a fun night with a cookout! Please mark your calendars.

**Devotion to the Precious Blood** is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable.

This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen

Hello Moms and Dads, Nicole has planned Summer Religion Classes. The schedule is July 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 9<sup>th</sup>. The students will be studying about 4 different and unique Saints. The crafts, games and snacks will all be theme based. Please volunteer in any way possible to make these classes a fun and memorable time for our kids. I am in charge of snacks. I am going to list the days and themes to each lesson. I have menus and recipe ideas for each day. We will plan for about 40 people each day. If you would like to volunteer for something, please let me know. My phone number is 806-206-4013. Thanks, Debbie Ollinger

July 12<sup>th</sup>- Spanish Theme- Tacos, Nachos, Ice cream sundaes and a blended frozen fruit drink

July 19<sup>th</sup>- Irish Theme- Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, Cheese Sandwiches and chips, Yellow Jell-O Jigglers Squares, Green Apples and caramel sauce and green sherbet punch.

July 26<sup>th</sup> –Doctor/Medical Theme- Pizza, Creative mouse/Cheese snacks, Fruit Kabobs, Blooey Gooey Slippery Salve (Pudding in a bag), orange punch

Aug 9<sup>th</sup>-American Indian Theme- Hot Dogs and Chips, creative pretzel and cheese teepee, Trail mix with creative teepee scoop, Candy Corn Cupcakes, Spirit with red hots.

