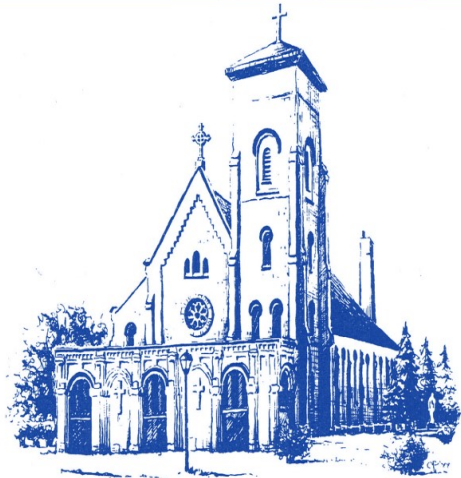


Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church

A Roman Catholic Community of African American Tradition

"We've Come This Far By Faith"



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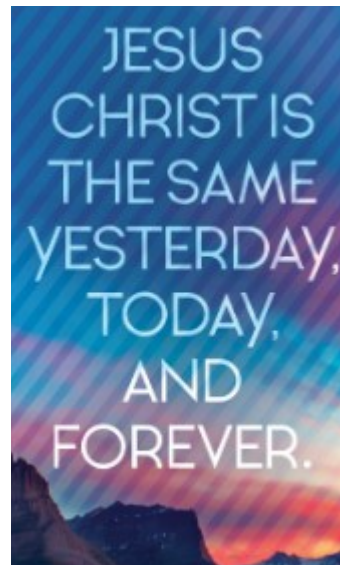
Mission Statement: The Parish of Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's is a Roman Catholic faith community whose worship reflects and celebrates the cultural gifts and diversity of its members. We welcome all believers to worship God, love one another, evangelize the good news of Jesus Christ and serve those in need.

August 16, 2020

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

God's grace and mercy are promised to all.

The readings today wrestle with the questions of who is in and who is out. When it comes to God's grace, who will receive it? We learn that all who accept the gift of faith are incorporated into the covenant relationship with God.



Holy Days: Consult bulletin or call parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
By Appointment.

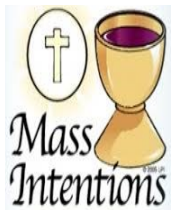
Sacrament of Marriage:
Pre-Cana is a Diocesan Requirement. Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Catechumenate: Adults interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish office.

WE WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



Willa Marie Stinson

Requested by the Castle Family

Offerings for August 2, 2020

Offerings: **\$1,909**

Attendance: **30**

Thank you for your generous support.

Please pray for the sick of the parish and for family and friends of parishioners: Earl & Phyllis Barnes, Thomas Bostick, Sybil Doucette, Sarah Gordon, Mary Ann Hartman, Denise McGowan, Alice Walters



BIBLE STUDY CORNER

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

Matthew 15:21-22

Reflection: We care about our family, neighbors, and friends. We want them to have long, happy, healthy, and good lives. We stand by them when they're mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and physically impaired. We call a doctor when a family member becomes ill. We research community services for a neighbor struggling with addiction. We recommend professional counseling to a friend battling depression. We're able to find the best people and services to help the people we love get well.

We're blessed to have people who care for us when we're tormented by a debilitating condition. We must be aware that people throughout the world are being tormented by disease, malnutrition, dehydration, physical abuse, and oppression. They feel abandoned and have no access to doctors, community services, and counselors. Many people die before food, water, and other relief arrives.

People of faith understand that God's love and compassion transcend boundaries of race, gender, ethnic origin, social background, and religious tradition. We are called to be God's instruments of love and compassion of all people. We must pray for our abandoned, sick, and poor brothers and sisters. We must also work with other concerned groups and provide them with material resources to rebuild their lives, families, and communities.

Ponder: Who needs my care and attention at the moment?

Prayer: Lord, you offered the healing love and compassion of God to the sick and poor. Help me be an instrument of God's love and compassion to all people.

Practice: Today I will be faithful by visiting someone I've neglected.

Bible Readings for Sunday, August 16, 2020

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 (pg. 24)

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 (pg. 25)

Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 25-26)

Bible Readings for Sunday, August 23, 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23 (pg. 26)

Romans 11:33-36 (pg. 27)

Matthew 16:13-20 (pg. 27-28)

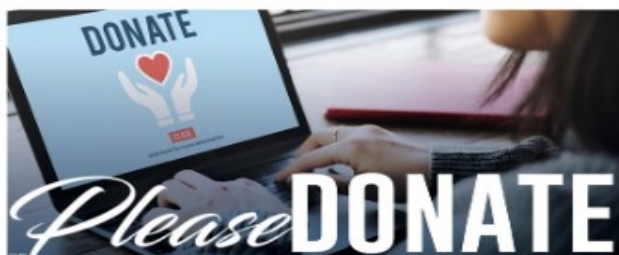
August Birthdays

Kathy Wheeler	Aloys Bukuru	Andre Cropper
Maureen Corral	Jean Pryor	Jacob Gasiorek
Paris Horman	Fritz Hyppolite	Brian Rea
Catherine Pappin	Acacia Semler	Lexxis Wingo



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As much as some folks may not want to admit it, we all want to be healed. Human beings suffer physically, mentally, socially, and spiritually. There are many wounds. Of all of the maladies that can afflict us, the ones that require the greatest attention are of a spiritual nature. What can happen if we are healed inwardly, brought back to center, and restored in our relationships, especially in our relationship with God? We will find the courage, strength, conviction, and hope needed to deal with the more tangible struggles that may not find an easy remedy, inner strength, gained by persistent faith, is what allows strong, determined, and courageous people to overcome incredible challenges and hurdles. Be persistent in your faith, and seek the inner spiritual healing that you so desperately desire and need.



Music Director Position

Frederick Dicks has recently resigned his position of Music Director to pursue his doctoral studies.

We are looking for a new Music Director for Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church. Qualified candidates should send their resume to Fr. Raymond Fleming, as well as questions should be directed to Fr. Fleming at fr.ray.fleming@dor.org.



WHY ARE CATHOLICS REQUIRED TO GIVE MONEY TO THE CHURCH?

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's good (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing—giving 10 percent—is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that. "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This Means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue to grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).



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*Welcome Visitors to Immaculate Conception / St. Bridget's Church
We are blessed by your presence.
Please come again!*