

Immaculate Conception Parish

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The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday

This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday

What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

Fourth Sunday

Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 02, 2009

8:00 AM Josephine Fournier-Estate

Tuesday, March 03, 2009 St. Katherine Drexel

8:00 AM William J. O'Brien—M/M Wm. Hayes.

Wednesday, March 04, 2009 St. Casimir

8:00 AM Irene Richard - The Brannon Family

Thursday, March 05, 2009

8:00 AM Dr. Wm. Viscardo - Dr. Joseph Zizzi, Sr.

Friday, March 06, 2009

8:00 AM Mothers Day Novena Mass

Saturday, March 07, 2009 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

4:30 PM Geraldine Ratajczak - Son, Brian

Sunday, March 08, 2009

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the HNS

9:30 AM Jeffrey Balon - Mom, Dad, & Andrea

11:15 AM Ray Smith - Wife, Ann & Family

March 7/8

ALTAR SERVERS

4:30 PM J. Cartwright, P. Bure, M. Hadley, M. Riley

8:00 AM M. & P. Zittel, A. Gibson

9:30 AM D. Hayes, P. Lafferty, E. & M. Richey

11:15 AM E. & H. Holbrook, C. & M. Young

LECTORS

4:30 PM L. Bure 9:30 AM J. Lamond

8:00 AM B. Gibson 11:15 AM R. Palumbo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30 PM W. Lang, J. & D. Baker, B. Cartwright,
D. Eley J. Hadley

8:00 AM K. Florkowski, J. Stanley, P. Thompson,
M. Zittel, C. Gibson, S. Brady

9:30 AM R. & S. Bantle, A. VanTuyl, J. Fisher,
P. George, P. Reidy

CUP P. Bremer, P. Thiesen, J. Knab, B. Lamond,
T. Miller, C. Voigt

11:15 AM J. Wiedl, T. Bogard, A. Codd, B. Foster,
K. Furlong, J. Kush

SACRISTANS

4:30 PM J. & D. Baker 9:30 AM T. Miller

8:00 AM J. Stanley 11:15 AM T. Bogard

GREETERS

4:30 PM J. Stoeckl, J. Baker, G. Hamann

8:00 AM T. Snyder

9:30 AM M. B. & P. Richey, B. Lamond, P. Reidy

11:15 AM T. Smith, P. Kumiega, D. & R. Krieger

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

The next Pre-Baptism class will be held on **Mon., March 9, 2009 at 7:00pm.** at the Rectory. All parents **must** attend classes prior to their child's Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 652-6400 during normal business hours (8:30am.—3:30pm.) to register.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will meet next **Sunday, March 8, after the 8AM Mass in the school cafeteria.**

FIGHT FOCA POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!

Today, our parish along with thousands of other Catholic parishes across the nation will sign postcards urging Congress to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). You will also be asked to review the bulletin insert to join the Catholic Advocacy Network www.nyscatholic.org to oppose the Reproduction Health and Privacy Protection Act (RHAPP) bill at the New York State level for the protection of unborn life. Thank you for supporting life!

For more information regarding FOCA see www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA

**LENTEN FISH FRY
THE 8TH GRADE CLASS
WILL BE HOSTING
BW'S FISH FRY
FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH
4:00 — 7:00 PM**



Dinners will be served in the school dining hall. Cost will be **\$7.50**. Chicken Finger dinners will also be available for **\$5.75**. Both dinners include beverage and home-made dessert. **Eat in or take out.** We hope to see you there!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please plan to attend the **Adult Faith Formation** offering during Lent to be held on four Wednesdays in Lent. Sessions will be offered at **9:00AM and 7:00 PM March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th** and will explore four themes for Lent: good/evil, water/thirst, light/darkness, and death/life. To register or for more information, please contact the **Religious Education office at 655-0067 or Don Weigel at 864-9525 or dweigeljr@gmail.com.**

On **March 4th and 18th** before the evening session, please come and share a **Soup Supper at 6 PM in the Parish Dining Hall.** There is no cost and all are welcome.



\$\$ POT O'GOLD \$\$

**A \$50 TICKET
COULD WIN
\$10,000**

Tickets for the **Pot O'Gold drawing** will be sold after all the Masses this weekend and in the Rectory during regular business hours. The **drawing will be held on March 14th**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The Church's **National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States** will be taken at **all Masses next weekend**. Because of the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, over **9 million dollars** were contributed to the Collection and - **98 cents of every dollar was distributed**. The support went to the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural south and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness - **131 DIOCESES RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE COLLECTION**. Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. **You become a Co-missionary for the Church. PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU ARE ABLE.** If we all give a little - a lot will be accomplished.



LENTEN RETREAT

You are invited to attend a **four day Lenten retreat**, "**A Lenten Journey with Jesus**" - **A Season of Renewal, March 8 - 11, 7:00 PM to 8:15PM**. Directed by Father Steve Vasek, OMI and Sister Jean Fitzpatrick, SSC. There will be a separate program for children K through 6th grade and a nursery service for younger children.

March 8th and 9th will be at **St. Vincent de Paul, 6441 Seneca St., Springbrook**. **On March 10 and 11**, the retreat will be at **Annunciation**,

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - There will be a **Business Meeting on March 9th at 7:30 pm**. at **St. John's Hall, Christ the King Seminary**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We're always there, please be there too. We recognize that Catholic Charities could not maintain its presence in cities, towns and villages throughout Western New York without the support of donors like you, who care enough to help. Of those we serve, children are among the most vulnerable, and Catholic Charities strives to protect the young. From foster care and adoption programs, to high quality child care for the neediest children in our community; from mental health to workforce development programs to employ youth; individual empowerment and well being is our focus and our goal. **Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Catholic Charities is always there. Please be there too.** Give selflessly to Appeal 2009. Find out more at www.ccnw.org or call (716) 856-4494.

SCHOOL NEWS

Lent has begun at ICS. We are following the theme of "Changing our Hearts." The students have Lenten Calendars and have chosen dates for school activities that correspond to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Each student is choosing other dates for extra prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We are also sending home each week the Sunday Gospel and an Easter legend to be read one day at mealtime. Our 4th Graders will be taking the State Math Tests this week.

LENTEN REFLECTION THE CALL TO FAITH

Second Sunday of Lent-The Assurance of Faith

Reading 1 Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
(The testing of Abraham)

Reading 11 Romans 8:31-34 (God's love for humanity)

Gospel Mark 9:2-10 (Jesus transfigured)

Key Passage Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"

Points to Ponder!

ADULT: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

CHILD: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

A World Day of Prayer Service will be held at **East Aurora Christian Church**, Main & N. Grove Sts. on **Friday, March 6, at 10:00 AM.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Seventh Annual Catholic Men's Conference will take place on **Saturday, March 28, 2009.** The Conference site has been moved to **Cardinal O'Hara High School in Tonawanda**, right off the Delaware Avenue north exit of the I-290. For more information, www.spiritiscalling.org. Registration forms are available in the foyer.

PORTABLE MEALS OF EAST AURORA

Portable Meals of East Aurora has been serving hot noon-time meals which are prepared by Absolut Care of Aurora and delivered in insulated cases by volunteer drivers.

This vital program has **no income limits** or **age barriers**. **The clients may be housebound, infirmed, healthy, have short-term needs or long-term needs. The only requirement is that the recipient needs the service.** Only cost to client is that which Absolut Care charges for the meal.

If you know someone who could benefit from the **Portable Meals Program** or if you would like to volunteer to drive once a month, please contact me.

Jean Torke, Coordinator 652-4858

FISH DONATIONS

For the month of March, **FISH is collecting cans of tuna.** As always, we thank the St. Vincent DePaul Society members for coordinating this collection.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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anytime.