

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

- Mark 9:7

Immaculate Conception & St. Catherine

March 8th 2009

March 8th, 2009 Second Sunday of Lent



2nd Sunday of
Lent

Community colleges often offer developmental courses in math, writing, and study skills. As students master basic skills, teachers encourage them to focus on the goal: a new career, a degree, advancement at work or personal pride in completing their education. Keeping an eye on the goal can inspire, motivate, and energize us to achieve great things. When we remember what we set out to do, we can push ourselves to go the extra mile with confidence. You might even call it a mission.

Jesus will entrust His mission to the Apostles. His passion, death and resurrection will severely test their faith. And so, on the mountain, Jesus gives them a glimpse of the glory that will be theirs, the goal that will keep them focused and faithful. With Moses and Elijah, who represent the Law and the Prophets, Jesus shows Himself as fulfilling all the hopes and prayers of the past. In the glory of the Resurrection, all will be transformed by God's saving grace.

As we follow Jesus, we strive to be more like Him, doing the Lord's work through good works, prayers and our worship together. In word and deed, we give witness to the Lord, showing others the power of God in our lives and in theirs. We reflect to others the promise of faith, which is a share in God's glory. It is through grace that we are shaped and molded into the image of Christ, as we share His life, His grace and His destiny. Stay focused on the goal and you will complete your mission.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Your participation in Operation Rice Bowl during this Lenten season will challenge you to expand your own horizons. You will be provoked to alleviate suffering and combat injustice. Together, we can induce tremendous change: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

Operation Rice Bowl additional collection material can be found at the entrance of the church.

25% of our collection will stay in our area to help the hungry through the Bessemer St. Vincent DePaul.

PRO-LIFE

March 8- What is the governing force behind the abortion industry? Is it compassion for the woman? The right to choose? NO! It's MONEY! This is from a former abortionist who says abortion is the largest unregulated industry in the nation, and a very lucrative one at that. Abortion is a contract killing in every sense of the word.



Half way through the first week of Lent, my friend's 6-year old was asking, "Why do I have to

be nice to my sister again?" And for the umpteenth time, the youngster received yet another lesson on the meaning of doing good deeds during Lent. It was never clear if the problem was being nice or if Lent just took so long. Either way, it was a lesson in patience and in being a better brother.

We all begin Lent with the best of intentions, often choosing a great penance or spiritual practice that will carry us into Easter. But it is also true that we can get distracted, lose sight of our goal and feel as though Lent will never end! So, to keep focused and build support for our spiritual undertakings, why not create a visual reminder? Use a picture, or painting or small statue. Enthroned the Bible in your living room. Make a poster to keep on the fridge, or create your own piece of art that keeps the whole family focused on why we celebrate Lent. Joining our small sacrifices to that of Jesus helps us appreciate Him more. It makes us better people, strengthening our resolve to live our life in faith and in service. It is not an easy task. Do what you can to keep your eye on the goal of coming to Easter with a renewed heart and a grateful spirit

2009 Wisdom of Bishop Frederic Baraga

March 8 – Last winter Baraga went on snowshoes from L'Anse to Copper Harbor, a distance of fifty-seven miles, thought an uninhabited region, solely to baptize a child, of whom he had heard that it would probably die.



NEW BEGINNINGS PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign is underway. Please pick-up a bottle at the front entrance and start filling with loose change, cash or check. Your kind gift will enable them to continue their vital work to help share the sanctity of life as God has called us to do. Please return the bottles to the church office or New Beginnings in Ironwood by March 9. If you have questions, call New Beginnings, 932-0404. Thank You!



Announcements

Women's Guild Meetings

Meeting will be held March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Fire UP 2009

Friday, April 24th - Saturday April 25th
Marquette Lakeview Arena

Visit the website www.fireup.org for full details and registration forms.

UPCSA UPDATE

IC Needs \$1,684.00 in pledges which is only a average pledge of \$20.00 of those who have not responded!

Please find it with in your means to help support these services!

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- **March 29**, -Catholic Relief Services
- **May 3**, - Diocesan Priests' Retirement
- **April 26**, - Home Missions
- **June 28**, - Peter's Pence
- **October 18**, - World Mission Sunday
- **November 22**, - Human Development
- **December 13**, - National Religious Retirement Fund

WEEKLY READINGS

Scripture for the week of March 8, 2009

8	SUN	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10
9	Mon	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
10	Tue	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
11	Wed	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
12	Thu	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
13	Fri	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
14	Sat	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
15	SUN	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or, for Year A, Ex 17:3 -7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b -26, 39a, 40-42



FUNDS NEEDED TO COVER REPAIRS OF 2 BOILERS

\$4,000 TO \$5,000

Total received \$1360.00

Bible Study (Year of St. Paul)

The scripture study conducted by Fr. Mayotte.

Mondays

- **St. Sebastian's 1pm to 2pm**
- **Immaculate Conception 6 pm to 7 pm**

2009 MEMORIAL MISSALS

A \$5.00 donation entitles you to memorialize the name of (1) loved one or family name on the front cover of the new Heritage Missal. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or mail to the rectory. Please print or write clearly. Thank you!

HOSPITALIZED OR SICK

If anyone is sick or in the Hospital from our Parish, please notify Marie Cormier. at 224-6761. So that cards can be sent out to those in need of special prayers by the Women's Guild.

SPIRIT LIFTERS

Mar. 7th - Lord, teach me how to pray Unselfishly my requests; And help me then to know Thou sendeth what is best.

Mar. 8th - If you can't hear God speaking, check the volume control on your conscience.

Mar. 9th - We need not fear the perils AROUND US as long as the eye of the Lord is UPON US.

Mar. 10th - There is not limit to how much good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

Mar. 11th - Nightfall should remind us to forgive the hurts of the day.

Mar. 12th - Some people grin and bear it. Others smile and change it.

Mar. 13th - It is a greater thing to obey the Word of the Lord than to preach it.

Mar. 14th - Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.

Mar. 15th - If you have Jesus on the inside, you can stand any kind of trouble on the outside.

YOUTH EVENTS

Mark your calendars now with the following important dates:

- **Thursday April 2, 2009 – Spring Study Day**
- **Tuesday May 5, 2009 – Hospitality Lecture**
- **Sunday October 4, 2009 – Meet the Bishop Day**
- **November 6-8, 2009 – P2K High School Youth Rally**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9



#10



#11



#12



#13



#14

1. Pilate Condemns Jesus to Die
2. Jesus Accepts His Cross
3. Jesus Falls for the First Time
4. Jesus Meets His Mother
5. Simon Helps Carry the Cross
6. Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus
7. Jesus Falls the Second Time
8. Jesus Speaks to the Women
9. Jesus Falls the Third Time
10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is Taken from the Cross
14. Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Saint of the Day—

Sunday March 8th—St. John of God

Ecumenical Women's Retreat

St. Mary's of the Seven Dolours is sponsoring an area wide Adult (Ecumenical) Women's Retreat Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at St. Mary's Church Hall. The presenter is Sister Marla Lang, FSPA, Franciscan Spirituality Center, Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin.

The theme of the Retreat:: *Your Are My God, Who is God in my Life? What is my relationship with God? How do I relate to God in my daily life?*
Call Sandy at 561-2606 to RSVP by March 11.

PENANCE SERVICES

- ◆ **Wednesday, March 25** —7:00 PM ET, Holy Family, Ontonagon
- ◆ **Sunday, March 29** — 3:30 PM CT, Our Lady of Peace, Ironwood
- ◆ **Monday, March 30** — 7:00 PM CT, St. Sebastian, Bessemer
- ◆ **Wednesday, April 1** — 7:00 PM CT, Immaculate Conception, Wakefield

Chrism Mass

Bishop Alexander Sample will celebrate the Chrism Mass in St. Peter Cathedral on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 3:00 PM ET. Everyone is most welcome to attend. The sacramental oils will be blessed and distributed to the parishes for use throughout the year in the celebration of the sacraments. This Mass manifests the unity of our Diocesan Church—bishops, clergy, religious and people. A reception follows in the Cathedral Hall.

Whatever Lenten practices we undertake, it is important to remember their purpose. Lenten practices are not about losing weight or quitting smoking, but they are about deepening our baptismal identity as children of God and members of the Body of Christ.

- Living Liturgy 2007

PICTURE PUZZLE

THE READING: GN 22, 1-2. 9. 10-13. 15-18

CAN YOU FIND THESE ITEMS WHICH ARE HIDDEN IN THE PICTURE?



Snail



Binoculars



Crown



Catapult



Ax



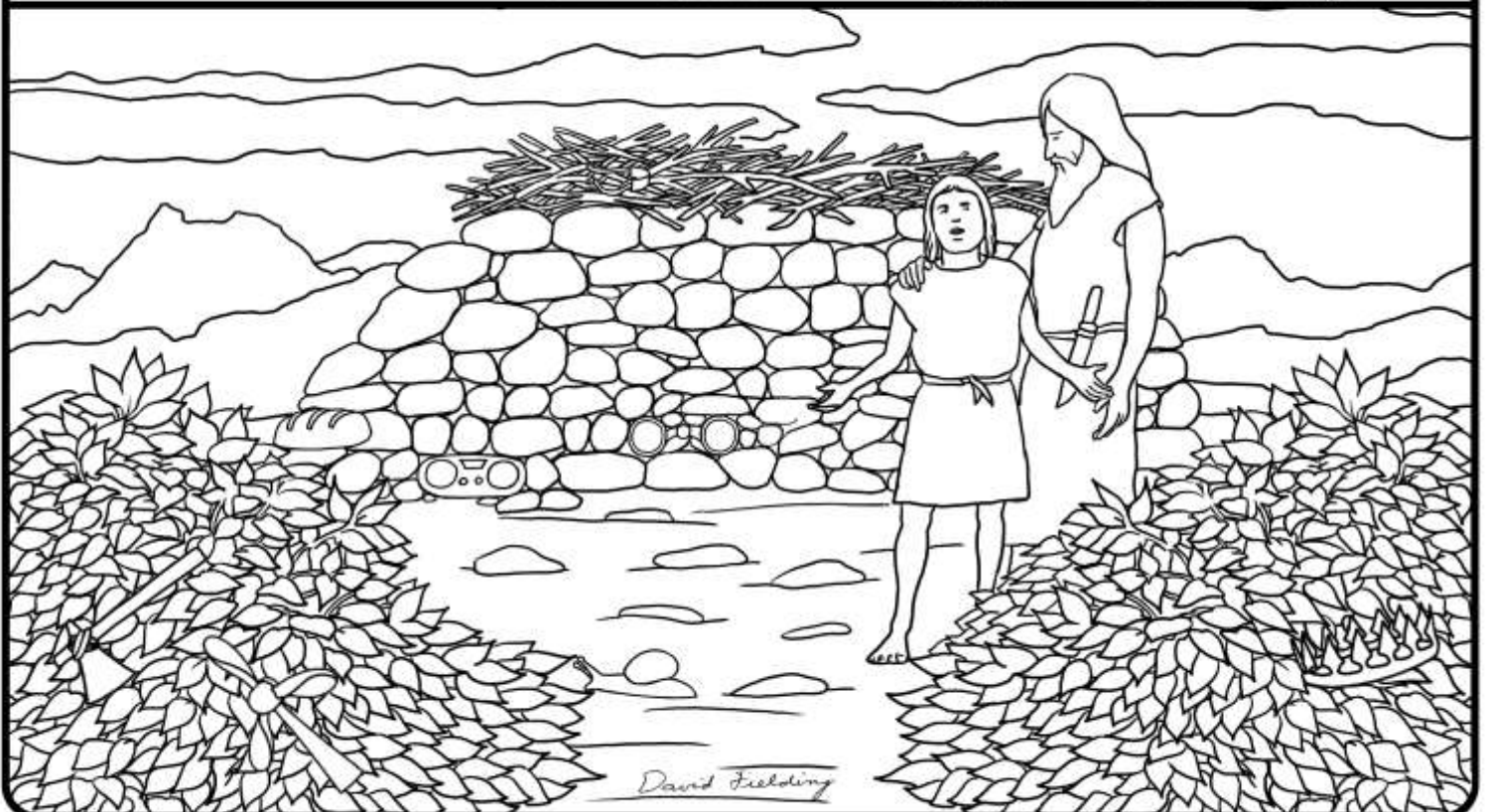
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Windmill



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Joan Gouza	19th	Julia Bruno
	Mary Wiita		Martha DaPra
3rd	Brooklynn Sain	20th	Ronald Kremposki
5th	Frank Pairolero	21st	Patricia Alden
7th	Allison Whitley	23rd	Delores Budgick
8th	Joseph Blaskowski		Jeanne Franck
	Marcia Jurakovich		Mario Ravanelli
9th	Aaron Fetters	27th	Mary Anderson
	Edward Hocking	28th	Marie Cormier
	Donald Singleton	30th	Carine Cole
12th	Jayne Grambow		Lori Modjewski
	Dr. James Rocco	31st	Mary Ann Karling
	Leo Urbanski		
13th	Kenneth Alden		
	Robert Brentar		
	Jessica Sanderson		
15th	Gerald Anderson		
16th	Joseph Smiljanich Sr.		
18th	Valerie Gerbig		
	Sundy Meyer		

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

**FROM:
FR. JOY & STAFF**

The Singing Priests-Super Stars?

You won't believe your ears when you hear the newest vocal trio to hit the music world - three Irish tenors who just happen to be priests! The trio has been singing together since childhood and when one was called in for an audition all three went and the record company reacted by offering them a recording contract on the spot. These three Catholic priests from Northern Ireland, Fathers Eugene O'Hagan, 48, his brother Martin, 45, and their old school friend David Delargy, 44, signed the deal near the steps of Westminster Cathedral. They call their trio "The Priests." They said they would donate the money made from the music to charity. They have signed a recording contract worth nearly \$2 million for the music giant Sony BMG. The contract stipulates that they are not to be required to do anything or appear anywhere where it is contrary to their duties as parish priests or their priestly vows.

Log on to our website to learn more and watch videos of this amazingly beautiful music this trio bring to the world.

<http://icparishwm.org>

The office is trying to locate Jason and Amy Marie Stevens, if you are a family member or have information on how to contact them, Please call the office. 224-7851



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Throughout the Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Fridays at 4:30 P.M. at Immaculate Conception. We hope you can be present.

Sacrament of Penance

Immaculate Conception - Saturday 3:00 p.m.
St. Catherine - Sunday before Mass.

Baptisms and Weddings by appointment: When planning a baptism please contact the pastor before selecting godparents to learn the Church regulations concerning their selection. Make all wedding plans in consultation with the pastor. Weddings must be scheduled at least six months in advance.

New Members are always Welcome!

If you are interested in joining Immaculate Conception Parish or St. Catherine's, or you may already be involved and need to register, please contact the rectory office so that we can help! 224-7851.

Welcome Visitors

Please sign our guest registry at the entrance.

FR. DANIEL HALL WINTER WALKING

Monday and Friday 1 to 2:30pm

Wednesday 1 to 3 pm.

The community is welcome and donations will be accepted. Spread the word!!

\$46.21 in donations have been received

EMERGENCIES

If Someone Is In the Hospital Please Call: St. Sebastian Rectory at 667-0952 *Emergencies please call 906-282-4297.*

ARTIFACTS FROM THE ARCHIVES

In the 11th Century, the Church was opposed to the use of a fork, ascribing the fork as an instrument of the devil.

Saint Vitus is the Patron Saint Against Oversleeping.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS

If you are home bound or know someone who is and needs to receive communion in their home, please call the Rectory office. 224-7851 or 667-0952. Visits will be held on the second Friday of the month.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain or if you wish to have a prayer request for anyone ill, sick or special intentions, please call Christine at 667-0175; Bella at 667-0976; Dolly 663-4332; or Ann 663-0099.

Ministers and Servers

EM LECTOR SERVER

March 7-8

6:00 P.M. C. Lillar J. Whitley
10:30 P.M. K. Wiita D. Lynott Obradovich / Tarro

March 14-15

6:00 P.M. D. Yon K. Wiita
10:30 P.M. J. Rocco S Jurasin Rajk / Keller

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- RICHARD BOLEN
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- CAROL LOOP (SC)
 - DAVE LYNOTT
 - JOHN MAZUREK
 - KAY WIITA

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Prayer for Lent

Dear Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert. Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities. Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over. Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen

Weekly Collection February 25 & March 1, 2009

Immaculate Conception

Envelope	1612.00
Loose	136.50
Misc	480.00
Building	150.00
Schools	332.00
<u>Ash Wed Diocesan</u>	<u>340.00</u>
Total	\$3050.50

Amount needed for Budget
\$2000.00 weekly

St. Catherine

Envelope	805.00
Loose	184.00
Misc	540.00
Schools	395.00
<u>Ash Wed Diocesan</u>	<u>47.00</u>
Total	\$ 1971.00

Amount needed for Budget
\$500.00 weekly

If you are unable to attend Mass at our normally scheduled times for Immaculate Conception or at St. Catherine and you choose to attend at St. Sebastian, Our Lady of Peace and even St. Mary's of Hurley, each office will forward your churches offering envelope appropriately to the correct church. Please support your parish and use your contribution envelopes. Remember *Special envelopes need to be marked with church name on it please!*

Thank you for your Generosity and support of your Parish!

Mass Schedule March 7th– 15th, 2009

Saturday, March 7th

IC 6:00p For Catherine, William & family by the family

Sunday, March 8th

SC 8:00a For the People of the Parish

IC 10:30a For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 9th

8:00a For Joseph Banovetz by JoAnn & Ray Harvey

Tuesday, March 10th

8:00a For Robert A. Burns by Joe & Colleen Green

Wednesday, March 11th

IC 8:00a For Mary c. Hallberg by Helen Sailer

Thursday, March 12th

IC 8:00a For Louise Costantino by IC Women's Guild

Friday, March 13th

IC 8:00a MASS

IC 4:30p Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 14th

6:00p For the People of the Parish of Immaculate Conception and St. Catherine Parishes

Sunday, March 15th

SC 8:00a For Theresa Corona by Patricia & Kenneth Alden

IC 10:30a For Tim Miller by Mom & Dad

8:30 MASS WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Pastor – Fr. Joy Adimakkeel

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