February 2025 - May 2025 volume 3 • issue 1

In This Issue

Reflections	p 2
News from the ICSP Business Office	p 3 - 4
ICSP Community News	р 5
Stewardship Corner	p 6
St. Patrick's News	р7
Catholic Formation News	p 8-10
St. Mary School News	p 11
Upcoming Events	p 12-16
Ministries & Groups	p 17
Employment Opportunities	p 18
Mass Times	p 19
Immaculate Conception Church 151 S. Washington Ave. New Richmond, WI 54017 (715) 246-4652 <u>ic-church.com</u> St. Mary School	
St. Mary School	

257 S. Washington Ave. New Richmond, WI 54017 (715) 246-2469 st-marysschool.com

St. Patrick's Church 1886 Cty. Rd. G Erin Prairie, WI 54017 (715) 246-4652 stpatrickserin.com

The Connection

A publication of Immaculate Conception Church & St. Patrick's Church

Dates and time subject to change. Check IC & CF calendars for updates

DATE	EVENT		TIME
February 16	Youth Ministry Breakfast	IC	after 9:00 am Mass
February 17	Come & See CGS Event	IC	6:30 pm
March 1-2	Stewardship Ministry Fair	IC & SP	after all Masses
March 4	Mardi Gras Carnival	IC	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
March 5	Ash Wednesday	IC	10:00 am (Mass) 6:30 pm (Mass)
		SP	6:30 pm (Service)
March 5-6	24-Hr Adoration	SP	8:00 am - 8:00 am
March 15-16	Youth Ministry Scone Sale	IC & SP	after all Masses
April 1	Rising to New Life Lazarus - Pt. 1	IC	6:15 pm - 7:15 pm
April 2	Communal Penance Service	IC	6:30 pm
April 3	Rising to New Life Lazarus - Pt. 2	IC	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
April 4	Communal Penance Service	IC	1:30 pm
April 13-20	Holy Week & Easter	IC & SP	see pg 13
April 26-27	First Communion	IC & SP	all Masses
April 27	Divine Mercy Chaplet	IC & SP	10:30 AM (both churches)
May 1-3	Youth Ministry Garage Sale	905 Derrick Dr.	
May 3	Morning of Service	IC	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

REFLECTIONS

TAKING TIME TO REST IN THE LORD

By

The Catholic Formation Team

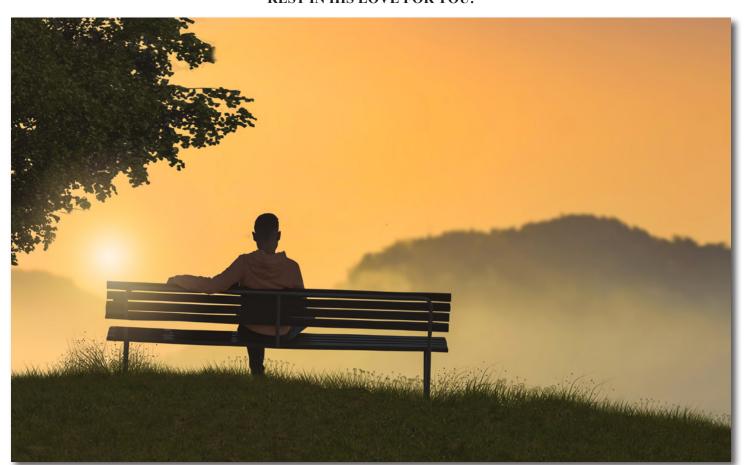
How many times do we "bite off more than we can chew?"

Are you the super parent who is at every event, taxis all the kids, and feeds the neighborhood? Are you the super spouse who anticipates the needs of your loved one before he/she says a word? Are you the super friend who has a thousand things on your plate and when called, you always show up? Are you the one who EVERYONE calls because they know that you can't say NO? Are you the one who...

How many times do we hear the Lord call us to sit at His feet? He continues to want a relationship with us and for us to trust in Him. So often, we are consumed with life, or it feels like life consumes us. We convince ourselves that we are just in the busy season of life and we are. But, as we enter into the season of Lent, you are invited to take time. Time for reflection, meditation, contemplation, and prayer. Nurture your relationship with Jesus by resting at His feet and trusting in Him. Take time to marvel at His creation. Take time in gratitude over His suffering.

If you are able to rest in His great love for you, then your life will open up to a new world. St. Ignatius had spiritual exercises that can condition you to recognize your humanity: a daily acknowledgement of consolation (what draws you closer to God) and also desolation (what draws you away from God). And rather than feel defeated about His divinity, we are able to take time to recognize where God fits into our life. (Even suffering has its beauty.)

Allow yourself to stop. Allow yourself to say no. Allow yourself the time to sit in silence. Allow yourself time to grieve or celebrate the big and small victories or defeats. Allow yourself to feel. Allow yourself the freedom to **REST IN HIS LOVE FOR YOU!**



NEWS FROM THE ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE

First off, I would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who has welcomed me into the ICSP staff, councils, and groups. It has been an absolute blessing to be a part of this parish community! The church staff and volunteers are absolutely amazing.

We have a lot, and by a lot, I mean ALOT happening here within the Business Office the beginning of 2025!

SIGNAGE UPDATES

If you haven't noticed yet, please look around! We now have the outdoor signs up at St. Mary School and Immaculate Conception for both office locations. We look forward to the sign going up in front of the church this spring. This will complement the existing signage and provide better directional flow for the site for our visitors and parishioners.



COMMUNICATION SURVEY



A Communication Survey will be going out soon by both email and hard copies to our parish members. Your feedback is valuable and will help us at the Business Office to ensure we are communicating effectively and efficiently to our community. Please keep your eyes out for the survey, which will be going out the end of February with responses due back by mid-March.

PHONE SYSTEM UPDATE

We are excited to announce an upgrade to our phone system at both the church office and St. Mary School. This upgrade will improve the service and support of our phones, accessibility, call quality and more efficient routing. We anticipate minimal disruption during the transition that will be occurring over the next month.



There are more exciting changes coming from the Business Office this spring. We look forward to sharing those on the next newletter!

CHANGES IN THE OFFICE



We are thrilled to announce that Julia Lammert has accepted the position of Communications and Graphic Design Specialist for ICSP, CF, and St. Mary School. Julia has been involved in current and past communications, but with her role being more defined, she will assist in helping with development procedures and processes, update the websites, expand our social media presence, and improve communication flow for our community. We are excited to see the positive impact of her work!

JESSICA JACKSON ICSP Business Office Manager j.jackson@ic-church.com 715-246-4652 ext. 225

NEWS FROM THE ICSP BUSINESS OFFICE

TITHING AND NEEDY FUNDS

Did you know?

The Church maintains a special fund called the "Needy Fund". We normally take an offering around Thanksgiving to support this. From this fund we purchase Scrip gift cards for Walmart (food) and Kwik Trip (gas). During office hours, those in need can stop by to get a gift card along with a resource sheet for local help. We track card distribution to keep it fair and make sure the program is not being abused. All we ask in return from the recipient is to pause and say a prayer with available staff.

The churches (IC and St. Patrick's) also tithe to different charities. You tithe to the church, the church tithes to others. The Finance Councils at both churches help decide who the recipients are each year. A percent of our Adult, Youth and loose weekly collections is allocated to this.

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that giving online, or setting up auto-pays helps the Church to manage its budget better? When people opt to use these, we see consistent giving, which helps us to better manage our general accounts, which are used for payroll and facilities. Summers are the worst for us, as less people are at Masses, and the bills continue to come in regardless. This is the time of year we normally barely make payroll and sometimes take out a line of credit to cover expenses.

• We know we have a very blended parish when it comes to how you give. Some prefer their box of envelopes at the start of each year – and that is totally fine! We have no intention of discontinuing these.

• Then we have those who don't want to use any online systems but would like to have auto-pays done with either their credit card or bank account, that's also fine! We have forms available on our website, Electronic Giving which you can fill out and turn into the office.

• Some choose to use online and mobile tools, provided by "Vanco" (our system of choice for online giving). We have included the instructions (to the right in blue) if you would like to use this method. You can also stop by the Business Office if you want some help setting it up.



What's a QR Code for?

Quick Response codes are scannable codes, which when using the camera on your smartphone will launch you to a website (try scanning this code). We use QR codes within our Church bulletin (for both IC and St. Patrick's) and sometimes on printed materials to make payments easier. If you have not used Mobile giving in Vanco, you may be asked to set up your account when you scan. Know that this is a trusted source the Church is providing. You'll be amazed how simple it is to use.



WAYS TO GIVE

In Person

Whether it's cash or check, we appreciate your kindness Please place your donations in an offering envelope and drop them in the offering box or in the collection baskets.



Online

Visit https://ic-church.com/ and click DONATE to set up a onetime or recurring donation, or to make a payment.



QR CODE

Scan the QR code to visit our online giving page.



Text

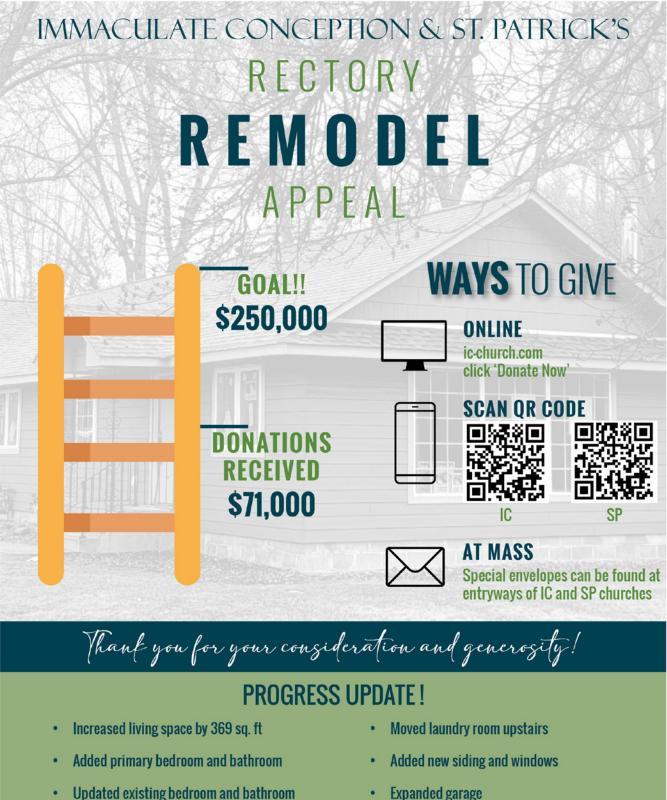
Text 844-592-2468 to set up a one-time or recurring donation. Make sure to have your payment information on hand.



Mobile App

Download the Vanco Mobile app from your app store to set up a onetime or recurring donation. Once downloaded open app and find your church (Immaculate Conception or St. Patrick's). Available on Apple and Android devices.

ICSP COMMUNITY NEWS



- Removed walls to create open concept living space
- Updated kitchen with new cabinets and appliances
- **Expanded** garage
- Updated plumbing and electrical
- Reinsulated house, attic and crawl space

EVANGELIZATION STEERING COMMITTEE by Julie Riel

We are a new committee on the Council of Ministries at Immaculate Conception. We are an evolution from the Strategic Planning committee that you may have heard of in the previous newsletters over the past year.

With the letter from Bishop Powers dated May 2023 each church has been called to move from being a church of maintaining, surviving, to being a church of evangelization, growth and invitation. Not an easy task for many Catholics. It takes us out of our comfort zone, at least mine.

The Evangelization Committee's purpose is to introduce and drive evangelization in all that we do in our parish life by looking at our existing programs, introducing new programs and how they all fit into evangelization. Are we doing them with intentionality of evangelization, by growing ourselves in our faith, by welcoming and inviting others?

Members of the Evangelization Steering Committee are liaisons to the many ministries within our parishes. These liaisons have a focus which came out of the planning session our parishes had over a year ago, identifying areas of importance to our parishes. They are:

Catechesis and Formation – It was evident that parishioners want to learn more about their faith, both adults and youth.

Communications – Many expressed that we need to strengthen our communication to our parishioners.

Community – There was emphasis on rebuilding our community both inside our church walls and outside our church walls. Personal connections with each other.

Resource Stewardship – How do we invite people to be involved in our parishes beyond just monetary?

Spirituality – Beyond learning, beyond attending, how are we invited to practice our faith on a very personal level with our God and Jesus and all our faith has to offer?

Each liaison will be working with the various ministries in our parish to promote and recognize evangelization in all that they do. Many of what we already do is evangelization, we just don't recognize it. When we have greeters at the doors, welcoming people in; when we have music that invites us deeper into the liturgy; when the Eucharistic Minister looks you in the eye and says "Body of Christ; when the children leave for children's liturgy full of excitement; when you see a new person or someone you don't know and introduce yourself; when we have a funeral, cooking, cleaning, comforting a grieving family; when we offer adoration, spending time with Jesus on a deep personal level.

When we recognize it and do it with intentionality, we realize we have been evangelizing and didn't even know it. But we can grow even more.

On average we have been registering five new families a month between our two parishes. We are growing. How do we welcome them, invite them, include them in our parish and individual lives? I like to think of our parish as a gang, a gang for Christ. Youth that have joined gangs have expressed that they were looking for a place to belong, someone who cared for them, someone to hang with. Let us become a gang for Christ, a place that welcomes, includes and becomes a place where we want to hang out.

It will be an exciting year for the Evangelization Steering Committee as we develop a five-year plan, get our feet on the ground of identifying and implementing what, where and how we interact with the parishes and each other. My hope is that you will see action and definition from this committee. I'm not naïve to think this will happen overnight, but it will happen ever so slightly that it will become a way of life for each of us if we choose.

We will have a table at the Ministry Fair March 1 and 2 after all Masses. Please take some time to come meet and greet us, ask questions, inspire us with ideas, share your thoughts where you would like our parishes to grow.

Our vision is Grow in our Faith and Lead others to Christ. Simple yet profound, let us do this together.

In each publication, the Stewardship Committee will feature a ministry or two. If you happen to have a group you would like featured, please reach out to Terry Palmer at palmert017@gmail.com

ST. PATRICK'S NEWS



St. Patrick's Catholic Church

BUILDING FAITH BUILDING FUTURES

ST. PATRICK'S BUILDING PROJECT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED TO BREAK GROUND *THIS SPRING*!

St. Patrick's is excited to announce that the Capital Campaign Building Project is scheduled to break ground this Spring! Last April during presentation meetings parishioners reviewed and discussed plans to create new classrooms for our Catholic Formation Program, expand worship seating in the church, remodel Blarney Hall, and complete kitchen improvements.

As of January 22, when this article was prepared for the newsletter, the campaign had raised **\$1,066,940** in financial commitments. Our initial goal was **\$1,038,000**, and with that goal reached, we are continuing to focus on raising additional funds for a "small contingency" beyond the initial estimated project cost, in the event that we discover unforeseen issues connecting our building with the new expansion as well as potentially adding improvement items.

We have met the cash requirement of **\$504,000** that we need to obtain diocesan approval to proceed. As of January 22 we have raised **\$647,346**.

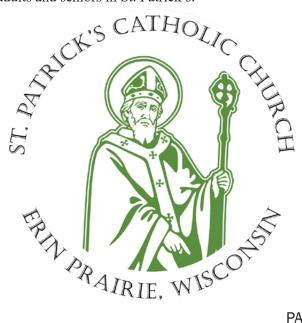
Our contractor, Derrick Building Solutions, has been working with Studio EA on the architectural drawings, and those drawings are now posted in church for the parishioners.

Derrick Building Solutions is currently in the process of updating the initial budget, and once we have that new number, we will share that with the parishioners.

For more information about how you can offer your financial support for the capital campaign, please contact Susan Baustian - smbaustian@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has offered their prayers, encouragement, and financial support to make this long-awaited dream move closer to becoming a reality for the children, youth, adults and seniors in St. Patrick's.





CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

FIRST SACRAMENTS UPDATE

Thirty-two children from Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's received their First Reconciliation in December. Please pray for them as they prepare for their First Communion the weekend of April 26-27, 2025.



This January 21-26, 2025, two high school students from our two parishes, along with the Diocese of Superior went on a pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life. Although the ruling of Roe v. Wade was overturned, there is still a reason to march. Life should be celebrated from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, as well as all the steps in between. The focus of the march is to help build a culture and a world where all of life's moments are celebrated, valued, supported, and protected. The goal of the national March for Life is not only to change laws on a state and national level, but to change the culture to support mothers and to make abortion unthinkable.

The pro-life movement goes beyond just abortion, however, which is why we were in Washington, D.C. We were able to take time on the National Mall, Holocaust Museum, celebrating Mass at the St. John Paul II National Shrine, attend the Students for Life Summit and visit the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. This pilgrimage was both physically and spiritually challenging. We were marching and praying with over 150,000 people from across our great nation. Each day we began with a holy hour of Mass and ended with fellowship, large group talks, small group discussion and night prayers. Even the bus trips were filled with songs, bible trivia, and morning and night prayers from the Liturgy of the Hours. It has been a blessing to be able to represent Immaculate Conception and St. Patrick's parishes as well as the Diocese of Superior. It was an honor to chaperone and be a witness to these two young mens extraordinary faith. They are exceptional human beings.

- Karen LaBossiere, Youth Discipleship



CATHOLIC FORMATION NEWS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Registration is OPEN



CGS educates not only the head but also the heart, nurturing the child's relationship with Jesus in a sacred environment with model or child sized scriptural and liturgical materials. Through prayerful hands on work and quiet contemplation, the children learn in a deep and profound way about the life of Jesus, scripture, liturgy, and the teaching and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Catholic Formation

3, 4 & 5 year olds 1st & 2nd graders (beg. Fall 2025) *Ist Communion/Reconciliation Sacramental Prep

* Traditional CF will be offered for K/1st/2nd grade, so families can choose traditional CF or CGS.

St. Mary School

Preschool & 4K Connect-On *option to walk from SMS to atrium for Friday 7:50 am session * registration required

> Kindergarten (beg. Fall 2025) * no registration required

Choose 1st and 2nd session preference when you register and assignments will be made after registration closes on **March 1**.

CGS runs weekly from September through April/May CGS atrium is located at Immaculate Conception - Corrigan Hall - Rm 4.

Level I 3, 4, & 5 year olds

Tuesday 5:30-7pm Wednesday 5-6:30pm Friday 7:50-9:10am Friday 9:30-10:50am Level II 1st & 2nd graders

Tuesday 5:30-7pm Wednesday 5-6:30pm

^cChildren must have participated in 1st grade to participate in 2nd grade

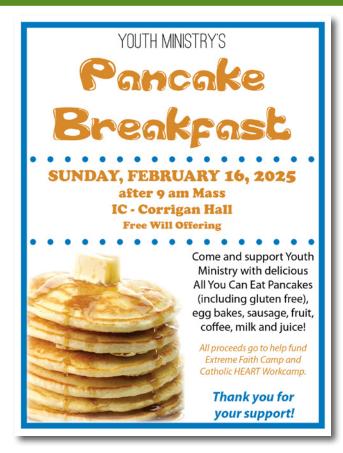


Register your child or grandchild today!

There is an \$80 registration fee. Financial scholarships are available!

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact: Kendra Bos 715-781-8831 cgsvolstaff@ic-church.com

UPCOMING CATHOLIC FORMATION EVENTS





You are invited to join us for Mardi Gras Carnival 2025!

We celebrate the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday with games, fellowship, and a delicious home-cooked spaghetti dinner! Join in the pancake eating contest fun! We ask for a free will donation for the meal with proceeds supporting our children's and youth ministries.

March 4, 2025 Immaculate Conception - Corrigan Hall 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Marriage in Christ Seminar is coming soon!

This seminar is for all married couples. It will help to strengthen your marriage, whether newly married or married for 50 years.

Friendship with God, friendship with our spouse, in the Holy Spirit. Watch for more information in future bulletins.



June 22-27, 2025

Immaculate Conception

Volunteers are needed for these areas:

Host family to house the 2 women team members for the week
Host family to house the 2 men team members for the week



July 28 – Aug. 1, 2025 at St. Anne School in Somerset

Joint-parish VBS with Immaculate Conception/ St. Patrick's and St. Anne parishes!

Participants - Age 3 through entering 5th grade **Volunteers** - Entering 6th grade through adults.



ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS



Mission Statement:

Grow in Knowledge





Follow in Faith

Serve in Harmony



St. Mary School is truly grateful for Mrs. Bolton and all the teachers and students who contributed to making our Christmas Program this year a meaningful experience in preparing for our Lord Jesus. We have such a wonderful group of talented students here at SMS!



The SMS Student Council members dedicated their time to playing BINGO with the residents of Deerfield. It was a heartwarming experience that brought joy and connection to our community, highlighting the importance of service.



UPCOMING DATES March 3rd - Registration opens for new families for the 25-26 school year Tuesdays at 9:30 AM during Lent students will present the Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception May 9th - Spring Program



Come and learn about CGS and the opportunity to volunteer for a weekday or evening weekly commitment during the 2025-26 school year.

Please pray about being a part of this ministry that is strengthening our community with the joy of bringing Christ to our youngest children.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



if you are called to join this ministry!

FEBRUARY 17, 2025 6:30 PM

Immaculate Conception Corrigan Hall Rm. 4 Atrium

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact:

Kendra Bos 715-781-8831 cgsvolstaff@ic-church.com





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. PATRICK'S 2025 LENTEN SCHEDULE



Ash Wednesday - March 5 10:00 AM Mass with SMS with Ashes (IC) 6:30 PM Mass with Ashes (IC) 6:30 PM Service with Ashes (SP)

Stations of the Cross

9:30 AM Every TUESDAY with SMS through April 15 (IC) 6:30 PM Every THURSDAY through April 10 (SP) *light meal to follow in Blarney Hall 6:30 PM Every FRIDAY through April 11 (IC)

Reconciliation

4:00 - 4:45 PM Every SATURDAY (IC) 6:30 PM Wednesday, April 2 - Communal Penance Service (IC) 1:30 PM Friday, April 4 - Communal Penance Service (IC) Anytime by appointment

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration

8:00 AM Wednesday, March 5 - 8:00 AM Thursday, March 6 (SP)

Eucharistic Adoration

1:30 - 2:30 PM Fridays, March 7 & April 4 (IC) 7:00 - 8:00 PM Wednesdays, March 19 & April 16 (IC) 6:00 - 6:30 PM Every THURSDAY through April 10 (SP)

Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:00 PM Thursday, April 17 - 12:00 PM Friday, April 18 (IC)

Please check the bulletin and internet platforms for possible time changes.

Immaculate Conception (IC)

St. Patrick's (SP)

St. Mary School (SMS)



9:00 AM Mass (IC) 11:00 AM Mass (SP) 7:00 PM Mass (IC) *Incense Used*

9:00 PM Adoration (IC)

1:00 PM (IC) 6:30 PM (SP) 7:30 PM Mass (IC)

Incense Used

9:00 AM Mass (IC)

Eucharistic Adoration

Everyone is welcome to come at any time! Seeking adorers for all hours. Come spend time with Jesus!

Ash Wednesday March 5 8 a.m. -March 6 8 a.m. At St. Patrick's Holy Thursday April 17 9:00 p.m. -April 18 12 noon At Immaculate Conception





Sign up with the QR code or contact Kendra Bos call or text 715-781-8831 or email Kendraannmitchell@gmail.com

Interested in commmiting to a monthly Holy Hour at IC or St. Patrick's? Let us know!

Hosted by St. Patrick's 1880 Co. Rd. G , NR & Immaculate Conception 151 South Washington Ave., NR

TO NEW LIFE

sin

What tombs are holding you from rising to new life?

You and your family are invited this Lenten Season to reflect on the Raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus. Through this examination of the Scripture in John, we find new meaning to death and resurrection.

THIS IS YOUR TIME FOR **REFLECTION!**

> COME TO ONE OR MORE DAYS TO

GROW IN FAITH!

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US IN JOURNEYING

TOWARDS CHRIST!





TUESDAY

5:00 pm - Mass 5:45 pm - Light Supper 6:15 - 7:15 pm - LAZARUS Part 1



WEDNESDAY

5:15 - 6:30 pm - Light Supper 6:30 pm - Communal Penance Service

THURSDAY

- APR
 - 6:00 7:00 pm LAZARUS Part 2 7:00 - 8:00 pm - Adoration



3

FRIDAY

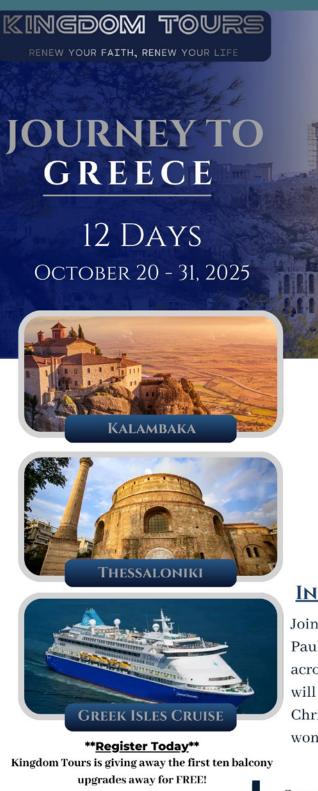
6:30 - 7:15 pm - Stations of the Cross 7:15 - 8:30 pm - Prayer & Praise



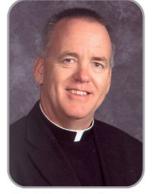
HOST SITE Immaculate Conception 151 S. Washington Ave. New Richmond, WI 54017



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: jo.germainee@gmail.com



STARTING @ \$3999



Fr. John C. Anderson **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL**

Join Fr. Anderson as he retraces St. Paul's journeys through Greece and across the Aegean Sea. Together, you will discover the world of the early Christians and experience the countless wonders of this ancient land!





MINISTRIES & GROUPS

espec ife called to serve moms in need







The Walking With Moms In Need-Respect Life Group would like to thank all those that participated in the Halley Martin Family Fundraiser. Your generosity at the brunch and purchasing pies enabled us to raise and send the Martin family **\$4,686.00**. **\$435.00** came from the sale of pies. This was much needed and greatly appreciated by the Martin family.

Thank you for supporting this family in need!

Free child care will be provided by the Respect Life Group for parents of young children to have an Evening Out on Saturday, March 15 from 4:00-6:30p.m. in the children's room in Corrigan Hall. All are welcome to participate in this free opportunity. **Coming soon:** The Walking With Moms In Need-Respect Life Group will soon have brochures printed that let people know we are here to help. There are Moms, Dads, or families who may need help financially, emotionally, or to get through a trying situation. The brochures will let people know that we, as a parish family, are here to help as needed. It will also include information about various services that are available in the community.

If you are interested in joining The Respect Life Group please contact one of our members.

Jackie Mitchell Julie Riel Crystal Friske 715-245-6027 651-373-2564 320-293-6260

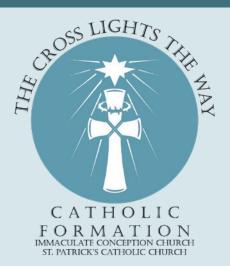
jmmitch61@gmail.com julieriel@yahoo.com crystal.friske@hotmail.com

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Jeremiah 1:5



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES







WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC FORMATION

ADULT CHURCH CHOIR DIRECTOR

Go to *ic-church.com* for a full job description and application.

OR

Please submit resume along with an application to the Business Office at Immaculate Conception Parish. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Jackson at 715-246-4652 ext. 225 or email at j.jackson@ic-church.com







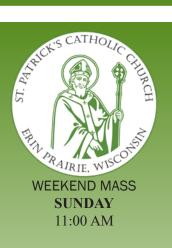
MASS TIMES



DAILY MASSES **TUESDAY** 5:00 PM **WEDNESDAY** 10:00 AM (school year) 8:15 AM (non-school year) **THURSDAY & FRIDAY** 8:15 AM

RECONCILIATION **SATURDAY** 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or by appointment

DID YOU KNOW?



DAILY MASSES FRIDAY 9:30 AM

Immaculate Conception has a YouTube Channel!



You can watch recorded and live Masses, along with funerals and other saved content.

Simply click on the "Live" tab to see our recordings. The recordings will be purged at points, so not all history will be available.

CLICK HERE FOR LIVESTREAM!





LIVE

Sunday 9:00 am Mass July 23, 2023

Sunday 9:00 am Mass July 16, 2023

ρι Δν