



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" *Mt 18:15-16*

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Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment.
Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
4 pm Mass for Paul P. Stanton
AND
for Richard Frain, Jr. 1st Ann.
10am Mass fir Walter/Gertrude O'Brien

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

Adoration and Holy Hour

First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and Mass

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the parish and are encouraged to become actively involved. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible.



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SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

September 1, 2020 - First Day of School for
Grades 1-8

Half Day Dismissal 11:30

KIDS CLUB BEGINS TODAY AT 11:30

September 2, 2020

Half Day Dismissal 11:30 grades 1-8

September 3, 2020

Gr. 1-8 Half Day Dismissal 11:30

September 4, 2020

CLOSED

September 7, 2020

LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL

September 8, 2020

Full Day of School for everyone (PK-8)

September 10, 2020

Band Demonstration - cancelled



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A man had a very self-righteous brother-in-law who often chastised him for not reading the Bible from cover to cover.

They hardly spoke except through e-mail.

"It's amazing to me," the brother-in-law wrote to him, "just how many people like you call themselves Christians who haven't read the entire word of God."

The man wrote back to his brother-in-law saying, "It's amazing to me how many people have not read the complete assembly and repair manuals for a Boeing 747, and yet they call themselves pilots."

The brother-in-law never again bragged about his extensive reading abilities, and the two were able to save their relationship. Jesus' lesson in today's Gospel reading from Matthew speaks of reconciliation.

Very simply, if we feel we have been wronged by someone, whether it be by words or actions, our first step is to speak to the person directly and in private.

If the person does not see the wrong he or she has done, it is okay to bring a few others with you to help make your point.

This is not to mean you gang up on the offender; rather, think of it more as an intervention, where friends gather to help someone overcome a sinful, hurtful lifestyle.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are reminded that beginning with the Sermon on the Mount,

Jesus preached a conversion of the heart.

Before we can ever offer ourselves to God, we must first go and make peace with the person or persons in our lives with whom we are angry

If there are those in your life with whom you've grown distant,

you absolutely cannot give up on them.

If you've only spoken to them, take the next step and go see them.

And if even then they will not offer forgiveness, you offer yours-and pray.

2021 CORI FORM
to be completed by all volunteers

MA State law mandates that any person 17 years of age and older, who serves as a volunteer in any parish ministry, must complete a CORI form

(Criminal Offense Record Info.). This form requires verification of identity with a photo document (e.g. MA Driver's License or passport)

There are no exceptions to this requirement.

The CORI form will be available every Tues. Wed., Thurs., Fri. between 7:30 and 2 PM beginning August 31.

Know that we are truly grateful that you are willing to serve our parish community as a volunteer.

This is our way of showing you that we are committed to protect all our parishioners and all who visit with us...especially the children and the elderly.

GOD BLESS YOU!

Please wear masks when you come to the rectory to fill out your forms. We may not be needing your assistance yet, but the Diocese still wants us to have you complete these during the month of September. Thank you.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

August 23, 2020

Weekly Collection: \$3,239.00

Building Fund: \$940.00

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Louis Stagnone

MASSES

Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



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OUR ARMED FORCES

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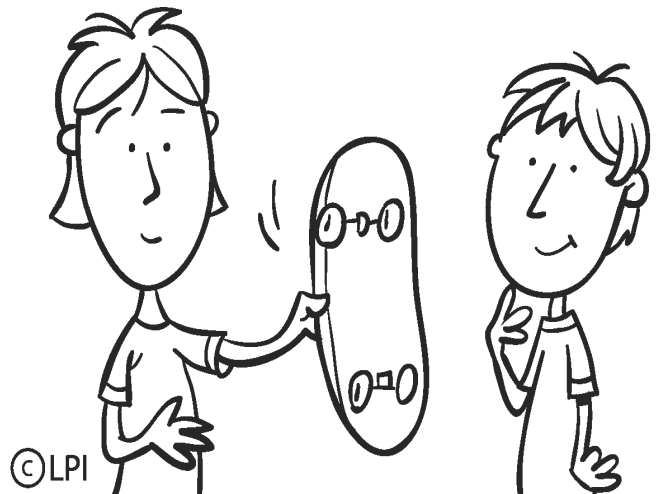
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ATTENTION

If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to September 1st
please feel free to call the
Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.
so that we can reschedule
your paid Masses.
Know that we will allow more
than one intention at the Masses
if necessary.

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All donations can be left at the Rectory
or dropped off at the School.

Please call in advance.

Thank you!

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U. S. CENSUS BUREAU
REPRESENTATIVES
WILL BE AT THE ENTRANCE
OF THE CHURCH
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020
AFTER THE 10 AM MASS.
IF YOU HAVE NOT FILLED OUT
THE CENSUS FORM, PLEASE TAKE
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

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